



Journalist Glenn Greenwald speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 14, 2013.

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## Greenwald: Snowden docs contain NSA 'blueprint'

JENNY BARCHFIELD  
Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Edward Snowden has very sensitive "blueprints" detailing how the National Security Agency operates that would allow someone who read them to evade or even duplicate NSA surveillance, a journalist close to the intelligence leaker said Sunday.

Glenn Greenwald, a columnist with The Guardian newspaper who closely communicates with Snowden and first reported on his intelligence leaks, told The Associated Press that the former NSA systems analyst has "literally thousands of documents" that constitute "basically the instruction manual for how the NSA is built." "In order to take documents with him that proved that what he was saying was true he had to take ones that included very sensitive, detailed blueprints of how the NSA does what they do," Greenwald said in Brazil, adding that the interview was taking place about four hours after his last interaction with Snowden.

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In this combination of July 11, 2013, file images from Senate Television Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., top, and Republican leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speak on the floor of the Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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# Party leaders spar over Senate rule changes

PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Proposed changes to Senate rules would either ease the way for President Barack Obama to assemble his second-term team or permanently threaten the body's deliberative style, the chamber's top Democratic and Republican law-

maker said Sunday. Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell once again strongly disagreed during separate television segments on the eve of a rare closed-door summit that could reduce the Senate's reputation as deliberative to the point of inaction.

Reid and McConnell — along with their rank-and-file members — have been trading barbs over just what the proposed changes would be, both for Obama's current slate of nominees who are awaiting confirmation and for future senators who prize their ability to delay action.

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## Charges still possible in black teen's murder



George Zimmerman listens as the verdict is announced in Seminole Circuit Court in Sanford, Fla. on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

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KYLE HIGHTOWER  
MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

**SANFORD, Florida (AP)** — The U.S. neighborhood watch volunteer who shot dead an unarmed black teenager is now a free man, but the Justice Department said it is looking into Trayvon Martin's death to determine whether federal prosecutors will file criminal civil rights charges against George Zimmerman. President Barack Obama and numerous celebrities expressed sorrow at the verdict, which has led to largely peaceful protests across the country by civil rights leaders and others. The February 2012 shooting first drew national attention when Zimmerman wasn't arrested for weeks, and the case has continued to raise questions over race and self-defense gun laws.

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## Party leaders

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Democrats, who are the majority in the Senate, are pushing to erode the rights of minority Republicans to block confirmation of Obama's picks for posts on a labor rights board and a consumer protection bureau. Republicans previously stalled confirmation votes for Obama's pick for labor secretary and chiefs of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Export-Import Bank, but last week Republican lawmakers stepped aside and said they would allow those nominees to move forward. Reid said the changes were not about the appointment of judges or passing legislation. "This is allowing the people of America to have a president who can have his team," he said. McConnell called Democrats' proposed changes contrary to Senate tradition, which typically requires 60 votes to end de-

bate and move forward on nominations or legislation. "I hope that we'll come to our senses and not change the core of the Senate. We've never changed the rules of the Senate by breaking the rules of the Senate," McConnell said. All 100 senators — but not reporters or the public — have been invited to a meeting Monday evening to seek a compromise that a handful of lawmakers are now exploring. "We need to start talking to each other instead of at each other," McConnell said. It's not clear a conversation would produce any agreement. Reid calls the changes minor and narrow. McConnell calls them unprecedented and overbroad. Reid says the proposal applies only to those tapped to serve in the administration, not for lifetime posts as judges. McConnell says it would fundamentally deny senators their prerogative to query potential officials.



**In this June 19, 2013, photo, Senate Minority Leader, Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader, Democrat Harry Reid of Nevada, House Speaker, Republican John Boehner of Ohio participate in a ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

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Reid said the nominees would protect consumers, workers and the environment. McConnell and his Republican allies say the picks are payback to Obama's political base. "They're driven by the unions," said Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

Countered Reid: "They have nothing against the qualifications. They don't like the jobs these people have." In particular, Republicans have objected to a pair of union-backed members, Richard Griffin and Sharon Block, on the National

Labor Relations Board, who were appointed by Obama when he said the Senate was in recess. An appeals court has ruled that Obama exceeded his authority, and the board's actions since they took their seats are in legal limbo.

Republicans also have objected to Obama's pick to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which was created as part of Wall Street overhaul legislation, which Republicans opposed. Obama nominated his pick, former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, more than two years ago.

"I think a president should have the right to put their team out there," said Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota.

"Why we can't just do 51 votes is beyond me," she added.

Reid and McConnell spoke during separate interviews with NBC television's "Meet the Press." Hatch and Klobuchar were on ABC's "This Week." □

## Snowden

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Snowden emerged from weeks of hiding in a Moscow airport Friday, and said he was willing to meet President Vladimir Putin's condition that he stop leaking U.S. secrets if it means Russia would give him asylum until he can move on to Latin America.

Greenwald told The AP that Snowden has insisted the information from those documents not be made public. The journalist said it "would allow somebody who read them to know exactly how the NSA does what it does, which would in turn allow them to evade that surveillance or replicate it."

Despite their sensitivity, Greenwald said he didn't think that disclosure of the documents would prove harmful to Americans or their national security.

"I think it would be harmful to the U.S. government, as they perceive their own interests, if the details of those programs were revealed," said the 46-year-old former constitutional



**This photo provided by The Guardian Newspaper in London shows Edward Snowden, who worked as a contract employee at the National Security Agency, on Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Hong Kong.**

Associated Press

and civil rights lawyer who has written three books contending the government has violated personal rights in the name of protecting national security. He has previously said the documents have been encrypted to help ensure their safekeeping.

Greenwald, who has also co-authored a series of articles in Rio de Janeiro's O Globo newspaper focusing on NSA actions in Latin America, said he expected to continue publishing further stories based on other Snowden documents over the next four months.

Upcoming stories would likely include details on "other domestic spying programs that have yet to be revealed," but which are similar in scope to those he has been reporting on. He did not provide further details on the nature of those programs.

Greenwald said he deliberately avoids talking to Snowden about issues related to where the former analyst might seek asylum in order to avoid possible legal problems for himself. Snowden is believed to be stuck in the transit area of Moscow's main interna-

tional airport, where he arrived from Hong Kong on June 23. He's had offers of asylum from Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia, but because his U.S. passport has been revoked, the logistics of reaching whichever country he chooses are complicated.

"I haven't sensed an iota of remorse or regret or anxiety over the situation that he's in," said Greenwald, speaking at a hotel in Rio de Janeiro, where he's lived for the past eight years. "He's of course tense and focused on his security and his short-term well-being to the best extent that he can, but he's very resigned to the fact that things might go terribly wrong and he's at peace with that."

Greenwald said he worried that interest in Snowden's personal saga had detracted from the impact of his revelations, adding that Snowden deliberately turned down nearly all requests for interviews to avoid the media spotlight. Asked whether Snowden seemed worried about his personal safety, Greenwald responded, "he's

concerned." He said the U.S. has shown it's "willing to take even the most extreme steps if they think doing so is necessary to neutralize a national security threat," Greenwald said. "He's aware of all those things, he's concerned about them but he's not going to be in any way paralyzed or constrained in what he thinks he can do as a result of that." Asked about a so-called dead man's pact, which Greenwald has said would allow several people to access Snowden's trove of documents were anything to happen to him, Greenwald replied that "media descriptions of it have been overly simplistic."

"It's not just a matter of, if he dies, things get released, it's more nuanced than that," he said. "It's really just a way to protect himself against extremely rogue behavior on the part of the United States, by which I mean violent actions toward him, designed to end his life, and it's just a way to ensure that nobody feels incentivized to do that." □



## Teen's murder

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A jury late Saturday found the 29-year-old Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder and declined to convict him on a lesser charge of manslaughter. Zimmerman has said he shot the 17-year-old in self-defense in a nighttime confrontation in his Florida gated community, where Martin was visiting family.

Jurors were told that Zimmerman was allowed to use deadly force when he shot the teen not only if he actually faced death or bodily harm, but also if he merely thought he did. With many critics angry over Zimmerman's acquittal, his freedom may be limited. He may also face civil lawsuits from Martin's family.

"He's going to be looking over his shoulder the rest of his life," his brother, Robert Zimmerman Jr. told CNN. Obama called Martin's death a tragedy for America but asked that everyone respect calls for calm reflection. It was a rare statement from the president on a case that doesn't directly involve the federal government.

"I know this case has

elicited strong passions," Obama said. "And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken."

More protests were planned Sunday night. Beyonce called at a concert for a moment of silence for Martin. Rapper Young Jeezy released a song in Martin's memory.

Many, including Martin's parents, said Zimmerman had racially profiled Martin. Zimmerman, whose mother was born in Peru, identifies as Hispanic.

Despite the racially charged nature of the case, race was barely mentioned at the trial.

Martin's family has maintained the teen was not the aggressor, and prosecutors suggested Martin was scared because he was being followed by a stranger. Defense attorneys, however, said Martin knocked Zimmerman down and was slamming the older man's head against the sidewalk when Zimmerman fired his gun.

Prosecutors portrayed Zimmerman as a vigilante who had grown frustrated by break-ins in his neighborhood committed primarily by young black men. Zimmerman assumed Martin



Demonstrators listen to speeches during a protest of the acquittal of George Zimmerman, Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Madison, Wis. Zimmerman was found not guilty in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida on Saturday.

Associated Press

was up to no good, prosecutors said.

The Justice Department opened an investigation into Martin's death last year but stepped aside to allow the state prosecution to proceed.

In a statement Sunday, the Justice Department said the criminal section of its civil rights division, the FBI and the local U.S. Attorney's office are continuing to evaluate the evidence.

The department has a long history of using federal civil rights law in an effort to convict defendants who have previously been acquitted in related state cases.

But experience has shown it's almost never easy getting convictions in such high-profile prosecutions. Alan Vinegrad, a former U.S. Attorney, said federal prosecutors "would have to show not only that the

attack was unjustified, but that Mr. Zimmerman attacked Mr. Martin because of his race and because he was using a public facility, the street."

The court did not release the racial and ethnic make-up of the six-person jury, but the panel appeared to reporters to be made up of five white women and a sixth who may be Hispanic. The jurors did not talk to reporters after the verdict. □

# Trial to open on lawfulness of Pa. voter ID law

PETER JACKSON  
Associated Press

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)** — A trial set to begin Monday on the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's voter identification law represents a major step toward a judicial ruling on whether the photo requirement should be enforced at polling places statewide or thrown out as unconstitutional.

Nine days are set aside for the trial in Harrisburg in Commonwealth Court. Civil libertarians challenging the law and state officials defending it say they expect the state Supreme Court will ultimately decide the case.

At issue is a voter ID law that would be one of the strictest in the nation if it is upheld but has never been



enforced.

After legal jousting that reached the state Supreme Court, Judge Robert Simpson blocked enforcement in last year's presidential election and again in this year's municipal and judicial primary because of

lingering concern that it could disenfranchise voters who lacked a valid photo ID.

The 2012 law was approved without any Democratic votes by the Legislature's Republican majority and signed by GOP Gov.

Tom Corbett amid a bitterly contested White House race in which Democratic President Barack Obama ultimately carried Pennsylvania and was re-elected. Critics derided the law as a cynical GOP effort to discourage voting by young adults, minorities, the elderly, poor and disabled from going to the polls.

Republicans said most Pennsylvanians have driver's licenses to use as photo ID and claimed that the law would discourage voter fraud.

The judge's verdict may be reviewed by a Commonwealth Court panel before an inevitable appeal to the state Supreme Court by the losing side.

Plaintiffs in the case include the Pennsylvania League

of Women Voters, the NAACP and the Philadelphia-based Homeless Advocacy Project.

A key issue in the trial will be the availability of alternative photo identification for people who lack a driver's license or other types of acceptable ID listed in the law.

The Department of State has developed a special photo ID that is available free to voters who have run out of other options.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs say fewer than 20,000 such IDs have been issued so far, but many more voters still lack valid credentials. State officials say they have made the special cards easily accessible and anyone who does not have valid identification must not want it. □





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# Abortion top issue again for 2014 elections

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Republicans around the U.S. see no immediate hope of overturning the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 landmark decision legalizing abortion, but they are increasingly pushing legislation to restrict the procedure. The issue looms in the 2014 elections for seats in Congress and in statehouses. Republicans are pursuing a range of ideas: banning nearly all abortions beyond the 20th week after conception; requiring women to get ultrasounds before terminating a pregnancy; making abortion clinics follow regulations for surgical care; mandating that clinic physicians have admitting privileges at local hospitals. According to the Guttmacher Institute, which works on reproductive health issues, states this year have enacted at least 43 new laws that restrict or further regulate abortion. The issue, one of the most politically sensitive in the country, also is prominent

in early 2016 maneuvering for the race to succeed President Barack Obama. The abortion issue energizes social conservatives who drive the Republican Party's success in nonpresidential years when the electorate is older, whiter and more conservative. But Democrats and abortion-rights advocates say moderate voters have other priorities. "Defense workers are being furloughed, student loan interest rates have doubled and these Republicans insist on a relentless pursuit of more restrictions on women's freedoms," said Rep. Steve Israel, chairman of the Democrats' national congressional campaign committee for 2014. The House of Representatives adopted a 20-week abortion ban in June. It has no chance of passing the Democratic-run Senate or being signed into law by President Barack Obama. A top anti-abortion lobbyist, National Right to



In this July 11, 2013, file photo, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, center, speaks during a news conference outside the Senate Chambers in Austin, Texas. A Senate committee on Thursday pushed through new abortion restrictions, setting up a Senate vote before the weekend to send it to Gov. Rick Perry. The bill would require doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, only allow abortions in surgical centers, dictate when abortion pills are taken and ban abortions after 20 weeks. Having no immediate hope to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide, Republicans in capitols around the country have accelerated their push for legislative restrictions on the procedure, and Democrats say they'll make the GOP pay in coming elections.

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Life Committee president Carol Tobias, told The Associated Press that her organization is working on a Senate bill with the office of Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, who is a high-profile possibility for the 2016 presidential race. Texas Gov. Rick Perry called his Republican legislature

back into special session to consider a 20-week ban and sweeping regulatory changes after Democratic maneuvers — including a half-day speech that drew international attention — temporarily blocked the measure. The legislature passed the bill Friday, and it's headed to Perry's desk. Opponents of the abortion legislation are expected to sue to block implementation. Polls on abortion have long suggested nuanced divisions in public opinion. In a May Gallup poll, 26 percent of Americans said the procedure always should be legal; 20 percent said outlaw it in all cases. Fifty-two percent said it should be legal under some circumstances, implying acceptance of legal restrictions. Yet fewer — 42 percent — feel it's morally defensible to end a pregnancy, while 49 percent said it's morally wrong. In a Pew Research Center poll in January, 41 percent

said Democrats better represent their views on abortion; 36 percent opted for Republicans on the issue. The Supreme Court holds that states can ban most abortions at the point a fetus could survive outside the womb. The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says viability occurs about 24 weeks from the start of a pregnancy and that the most comprehensive study of fetal pain "concluded that fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester," which begins with week 28. The Republican Party's analysis of the 2012 presidential election loss didn't mention abortion. But it acknowledged characterizations of the party as "narrow minded" and "out of touch." But a top anti-abortion lobbyist, National Right to Life Committee president Carol Tobias, promised the issue won't go away any time soon. □

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# Boy trapped hours under sand dune is critical



Michigan City firefighters, police, and first responders dig through a sand dune at Mount Baldy near Michigan City, Ind., while for a missing 6-year-old-boy who fell into a hole Friday, June 12, 2013.

Associated Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Indiana (AP) — A 6-year-old U.S. boy who spent more than three hours buried under 11 feet (3.3 meters) of sand after being swallowed by a massive dune was recovering well but remained in critical condition.

Michigan City Police Chief Mark Swistek said the boy's parents told him Saturday that the outlook for the child is very good.

"They are very upbeat and hopeful," Swistek told The News-Dispatch.

The boy was identified by a hospital spokeswoman as Nathan Woessner.

The boy's family reported he was playing on the dune

Friday when he dropped partially into it, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Ranger Bruce Rowe said. While they were trying to dig him out, the dune collapsed.

Michigan City Fire Chief Ronnie Martin told WSBT-TV that firefighters located the boy in an air pocket that enabled him to survive for so long underground.

Michigan City Fire Department spokesman Mark Baker told the newspaper he learned the child didn't have life-threatening injuries or a brain injury from any lack of oxygen he might have experienced. □

## Cirque du Soleil to resume Vegas show after death

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cirque du Soleil will resume performances of its show "Ka" in Las Vegas on Tuesday, 17 days after a French-born acrobat fell to her death in its closing scene.

Troupe spokeswoman Renee-Claude Menard says the show will resume without the aerial battle scene that resulted in the June 29 death of Sarah Guillot-Guyard.

Menard says the decision to resume the show was made after consultation with the production's artists and staff, and Tuesday's show will be dedicated to the late performer's memory.

Coroner's officials have ruled the 31-year-old Guillot-Guyard's death an accident. □

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## 3rd victim in SF crash: 15-year-old Chinese girl

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The third person to die from injuries sustained when an Asiana Airlines jetliner crash landed in San Francisco was identified as a 15-year-old Chinese girl who attended school with the other two victims. Liu Yipeng's identity was confirmed by San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucrault on Saturday. He said that she was rushed to San Francisco General Hospital with head injuries after the July 6 crash and died there Friday morning. Chinese state media said she attended school with the two 16-year-old girls who also died in the crash. Liu Yipeng's identification

comes a day after her death was announced amid the official confirmation that one of the other girls who died in the disaster had been covered on the runway in flame-retardant foam and hit by a fire truck speeding to the crash site, a disclosure that raised the tragic possibility she could have survived the crash only to die in its chaotic aftermath. Police and fire officials confirmed Friday that Ye Meng Yuan was hit by a fire truck racing to extinguish the blazing Boeing 777. "The fire truck did go over the victim at least one time. Now the other question is, "What was the cause of death?" San Francisco police spokesman Albie Esparza said. "That's what

we are trying to determine right now." All three girls killed were from China. Ye Meng Yuan's close friend Wang Linjia was among a group of injured passengers who didn't get immediate medical help. Rescuers didn't spot her until 14 minutes after the crash. Wang Linjia's body was found along with three flight attendants who were flung onto the tarmac. Moments after the crash, while rescuers tried to help passengers near the burning fuselage, Wang Linjia and some flight attendants lay in the rubble almost 2,000 feet (around 600 meters) away. A group of survivors called emergency services and tried to help them. Survivors said that after es-



In this undated photo made available Sunday, July 14, 2013, Liu Yipeng, the third victim in the Asiana Airlines air crash in San Francisco, poses for photos with classmates, unseen in Jiangshan city in eastern China's Zhejiang province. Associated Press

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caping the plane, they sat with at least four victims who appeared to be seriously hurt. They believe one of them was one of the girls who died. Cindy Stone, who was in that group, was recorded by California Highway Patrol dispatchers calling in for help: "There are no ambulances here. We've been on the ground 20 minutes. There are people lying on the tarmac with critical injuries, head injuries. We're almost losing a woman here. We're trying to keep her alive." San Francisco fire spokes-

woman Mindy Talmadge said Friday that when airport personnel reached the group near the seawall, Linjia was dead. She didn't know when the girl had died. Several flight attendants remain hospitalized. Talmadge also confirmed that an Associated Press photograph of a body under a yellow tarp near the burned-out jet was Ye Meng Yuan. The photo, taken from above, shows firefighters looking down at the tarp, and there are truck track marks leading up to it. □



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## Merkel urges stronger Europe, global data rules

**BERLIN (AP)** — German Chancellor Angela Merkel called Sunday for tougher European and global rules on data protection amid fallout from recent revelations about U.S. surveillance programs.

Merkel pledged that Germany will take a "very strict position" in ongoing talks on European Union-wide data

rules. Germany will push for those rules to oblige companies such as Google and Facebook to tell European countries who they share data with, she told ARD television.

The chancellor also suggested that a protocol on data protection could be added to the International Covenant on Civil and Political

Rights, a U.N. accord that dates back to 1966. She didn't give details of what exactly that protocol might entail.

Germans are sensitive about protecting their personal data. Ahead of September elections in which the conservative Merkel is seeking a third term, the center-left opposition says her government isn't doing enough to address those worries and confront the U.S.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich, met in Washington on

Friday with Attorney General Eric Holder and Vice President Joe Biden. He declared himself satisfied with the meetings and stressed the need to prevent attacks, saying afterward that a U.S. program called PRISM searches in a "very targeted" way for terrorism-related information.

Merkel's opponents asserted that Friedrich made no headway in securing information on U.S. surveillance activities — renewing attacks that have yet to pro-

duce any obvious shift in polls.

Merkel said Friedrich's trip "can only be a first step" in discussions with the U.S. and that experts from the two countries will remain in contact. She said she expects "a clear commitment from the American government for the future that they will keep to German law on German soil."

She added, however, that she has no evidence at this point that U.S. agencies haven't done so in the past. □



German Chancellor Angela Merkel attends the ARD (German public broadcaster) Summer Interview with Ulrich Deppendorf and Rainald Becker, unseen, in Berlin, Germany, Sunday July 14, 2013. In background the German parliament building, Reichstag.

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# Egypt's army chief defends ousting president



Egyptian clerics who support ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi leave al-Azhar mosque after they end their protest in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, July 14, 2013. Egypt's military chief has defended the ouster of the Islamist president, saying he acted upon the will of the people after the "stumbling" of the former government.

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ers, Egypt's military chief  
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ahead with talks to form a  
new Cabinet this week.

Reform advocate Mo-  
hamed ElBaradei was  
sworn in as Egypt's interim  
vice president for interna-  
tional relations on Sunday.  
The move reinforces the  
role of liberals in the new  
leadership who are strong-  
ly opposed to the Brother-  
hood.

Several secular-minded  
candidates also have  
been approached to lead  
the foreign, finance, cul-  
ture, information and other  
key ministries.

Nabil Fahmy, who served  
as Egypt's former ambassa-  
dor to the United States for  
over a decade under Hosni  
Mubarak, was tapped to  
be foreign minister, ac-  
cording to state media.

The United States sent its  
No. 2 diplomat in the State  
Department, William Burns,  
to Cairo to meet with in-  
terim government officials  
as well as civil society and  
business leaders during his  
two-day visit. Burns is the  
first high-level American  
official to visit since Morsi's  
ouster.

Many in the international  
community fear the ouster  
of Morsi, Egypt's first de-  
mocratically elected presi-  
dent, would undermine  
Egypt's transition to de-  
mocracy.

The State Department said  
Burns would underscore  
U.S. support for the Eyp-  
tian people and a transi-  
tion leading to an inclusive,  
democratically elected  
civilian government. The  
United States has called  
for Morsi's release. Since his  
ouster, Morsi has been held  
incommunicado at an un-  
disclosed location.

El-Sissi said the armed forc-  
es acted to remove Morsi  
on July 3 according to the  
will of the people as the  
country was sliding toward  
deeper polarization and  
more violence.


The Islamist leader was the  
first democratically chosen  
leader after a narrow vic-  
tory in elections last year.





"The armed forces sincere-  
ly accepted the choice of  
the people, but then po-  
litical decision-making be-  
gan stumbling," el-Sissi said.  
Morsi's election came after  
months of turmoil following  
the 2011 revolution that re-  
moved autocratic leader  
Hosni Mubarak from office,  
in a rocky transition that  
was marred by persistent  
protests, political disagree-  
ments and an economy  
teetering on bankruptcy.

His supporters say the mili-  
tary staged a coup in a  
bid to undermine the rising  
influence of Islamists, and  
thousands have camped  
out for days near a mosque  
in eastern Cairo to demand  
he be reinstated. The Mus-  
lim Brotherhood, which  
propelled Morsi to power,  
has called for massive pro-  
tests Monday to escalate  
pressure on the military.  
Some Muslim Brotherhood  
leaders have called for el-  
Sissi to be removed, and  
put on trial accusing him of  
treason.

Brotherhood spokesman  
Gehad el-Haddad re-  
sponded to el-Sissi's re-  
marks, saying that the mili-  
tary had no right to act on  
behalf of the people of  
Egypt except through "or-  
ders of their elected com-  
mander in chief," meaning  
Morsi.

In comments posted on  
Twitter, he said the military  
also has no right to decide  
which protest is worthy  
enough to represent the  
people. □



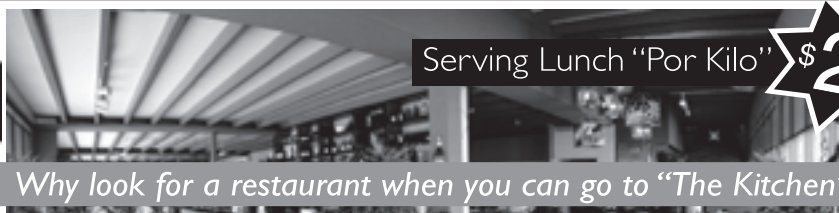





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## Asiana says TV station damaged its reputation

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — Asiana Airlines said Sunday its reputation was damaged by a report on a San Francisco TV station that used bogus and racially offensive names for four pilots on its plane that crashed earlier this month

and is considering legal action. An anchor for KTVU-TV read the names on the air Friday and then apologized after a break. The report was accompanied by a graphic with the phony names listed alongside a

photo of the burned out plane. Video of the report has spread widely across the Internet since it was broadcast.

The National Transportation Safety Board has also apologized, saying a summer intern erroneously confirmed the names of the flight crew.

An Asiana statement said it's mulling legal measures against both KTVU-TV and the NTSB because the report "badly damaged" the reputation of the airline and its pilots.

It didn't say what legal measures it was considering.

Neither the station nor



In this image provided by the NTSB, the wreckage of the Asiana Airlines flight 214 is seen Sunday July 7, 2013. The Asiana flight crashed upon landing Saturday, July 6, at San Francisco International Airport, and two of the 307 passengers aboard were killed. Associated Press

the NTSB commented on where the names originated.

The four pilots, who underwent questioning by a U.S. and South Korean joint investigation team while in the U.S., returned to South Korea on Saturday. South Korean officials

plan to conduct separate interviews with them, South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said Sunday.

Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crashed at San Francisco International Airport on July 6, killing three and injuring dozens. □



Residents walk on ashes spewed by the Tungurahua volcano in the outskirts of the village of Cusua, Tungurahua province, Ecuador, Sunday July 14, 2013.

Associated Press

## Ecuador volcano spews ash spume, 200 evacuated

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** — Authorities in Ecuador say at least 200 people have been evacuated from near the Tungurahua volcano after it spewed an ash plume more than 3.1 miles into the air.

The regional director of the National Risk Management Secretariat, Lourdes Mayorga, says the explosion produced ash and pyroclastic flows, and could be felt hundreds of kilometers away. She said Sunday

that at least 200 people were evacuated from the zones of Cusua, Chacaco and Juive near the volcano. Authorities declared an orange alert, which allows officials to acquire the goods and carry out works to provide humanitarian assistance if needed.

Tungurahua has been active for more than 13 years. The 16,480-foot volcano is located about 84 miles southeast of the capital, Quito. □



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## British Library to reunite Magna Carta copies

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The Magna Carta will be on the move in 2015.

The British Library plans to celebrate the 800th birthday of the document that laid the foundations of Britain's common law and civil liberties by uniting all four surviving original copies under one roof for the first time.

On Monday, the library announced plans to mark the anniversary by bringing together — for three days only — all the remaining original copies of the charter endorsed by King John in June 1215 to quell an uprising by England's nobles.

"Multiple copies were written up and sent to the bishops and possibly the sheriffs" across England, said Claire Breay, the library's lead curator of medieval manuscripts. "It's four of those that survive."

Two are in the British Library's collection, while one is at Lincoln Cathedral in central England and another resides at Salisbury Cathedral in southwest



In this Friday, June 12, 2013 photo, visitors interact with an audio visual display showing a picture of the Magna Carta, at the British Library, in London.

Associated Press

England.

Early in 2015, the four documents will be scrutinized by researchers — and visited by 1,215 members of the public selected through a competition.

Breay said that seeing the copies side-by-side may give academics new insights into the documents

and the scribes who wrote them out in Latin on sheepskin parchment.

Britain plans a year of celebrations in 2015 for the anniversary of the Magna Carta, which became the first building block of its constitution — a constitution made up of a series of laws and conventions,

rather than a single document.

The Magna Carta — the Great Charter — was endorsed by King John to resolve an uprising by nobles angered by the monarch's despotic behavior and extortionate taxes.

The four original copies are written records of an oral agreement made between the king and his barons at Runnymede, west of London. The agreement outlined limits on the power of the crown, establishing that the king was subject to the law, rather than above it.

Its most famous passage was interpreted as laying the foundations of trial by jury:

"No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, nor will we proceed with force against him, except by the lawful judgment of his equals or by the law of the land."

Breay said it's a historic landmark that almost wasn't.

"It was only valid for less than 10 weeks," she said. "The barons, knowing what King John was like, put in a clause making him say he would not seek to have it annulled. Almost the first thing he did was send someone off to Rome to Pope Innocent III to seek to have it revoked."

The pope did annul it, and England was plunged back into civil war. But King John died the next year, leaving his 9-year-old son on the throne as Henry III. The regent who ruled for young Henry re-issued the Magna Carta.

Although many of its clauses were subsequently ignored, overturned or rewritten, the document is considered the basis of British law and a major influence on subsequent documents, including the U.S. Constitution.

The Magna Carta was re-issued several times in the 13th century and 17 of these later copies survive. Fifteen are in Britain, one is displayed at Australia's parliament and one, dating from 1297, is in the U.S. National Archives. □

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# Islamic militants leave Pakistan to fight in Syria

**SEBASTIAN ABBOT**  
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**Associated Press**

**ISLAMABAD (AP)** — Suleman spent years targeting minority Shiite Muslims in his home country of Pakistan as a member of one of the country's most feared militant groups. Now he is on his way to a new sectarian battleground, Syria, where he plans to join Sunni rebels battling President Bashar Assad's regime. It is a fight he believes will boost his reward in heaven. The short and stocky Pakistani, who identified himself using only his first name for fear of being targeted by authorities, is one of an increasing number of militants who have left Pakistan for Syria in recent months. The fighters have contributed to a growing presence of Islamic extremists and complicated U.S. efforts to help the rebels. Many fighters like Suleman believe they must help Syria's Sunni majority defeat Assad's Alawite regime — an offshoot of the Shiite sect. Radical Sunnis view Shiites as heretics. The presence of Islamic extremists in Syria looms large over U.S. efforts to help the rebels, especially when it comes to providing weapons that could end up in the hands of America's enemies. The extremists have also sparked infighting with more secular rebels con-

cerned about the increasing power of the Islamists. Most of the foreign fighters in Syria are from Arab countries, including al-Qaida militants from Iraq on the rebel side and Hezbollah fighters from Lebanon on the regime's side. The flow of militants from Pakistan adds a new element to that mix. Pakistani Interior Ministry spokesman Omar Hamid Khan said provincial authorities throughout Pakistan deny that militants have left the country for Syria. But three Pakistani intelligence officials based in the tribal region that borders Afghanistan, as well as militants themselves, say the fighters leaving Pakistan for Syria include members of al-Qaida, the Pakistani Taliban and Suleman's group, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi. The fighters fall mainly into two categories. One includes foreign combatants from places like Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and likely the Middle East who came to Pakistan's tribal region to fight U.S.-led forces in neighboring Afghanistan and are now heading to Syria because they view it as the most pressing battle, said the Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. This group includes members of al-Qaida who

trained the Pakistani Taliban in areas such as bomb-making and are now moving on to the battlefield in Syria, said Pakistani Taliban fighters, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of being targeted by the government. Neither the intelligence officials nor the Pakistani militants were able to provide the total number of fighters who have left the country for Syria, or the route they were taking to get to the Middle East. An activist based in northern Syria, Mohammad Kanaan, said there are Pakistanis fighting in his area but not in large numbers. "Most of the muhajireen are Arab fighters from Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq and Saudi

Arabia," he said Sunday, using the Arab term for foreign fighters. "But we have seen Pakistanis and Afghans recently as well." The second group leaving Pakistan includes mostly domestic members of the Pakistani Taliban and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi who are

heading to Syria because they are being so closely monitored by Pakistani authorities that it makes it difficult for them to carry out operations at home, said a Pakistani Taliban fighter who identified himself only as Hamza for fear of being targeted by authorities. □



In this file photo taken on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, Pakistani Taliban patrol in their stronghold of Shawal in Pakistani tribal region of South Waziristan. Associated Press

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## In Caribbean, push to create no-take reserves

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

BLUEFIELDS BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Young fish leap in the wake of a warden's patrol boat as it motors through waters off Jamaica's southwest coast that are a brilliant palette of blues. Beneath the surface, reefs bristle with spiny lobsters, and rainbow-colored parrotfish graze on algae and seaweed.

After rampant destruction of local fish habitats over decades, marine life is gradually rebounding in Bluefields Bay now that every minnow and mullet, each sea urchin and snapper is protected from spear guns and nets. This 6½-mile long stretch of water, patrolled daily by a small team of wardens and marine police, is one of a growing number of no-fishing zones in the Caribbean, where most coastal reefs have been severely damaged by overfishing, pollution, and more recently global warming.

"If we want to protect our future, setting up more places like this is a no-brainer. If we keep destroying areas with thousands of baby and juvenile fish, where will the big fish come from tomorrow?" said Wolde Kristos, chairman of the Bluefields Bay Fishermen's Friendly Society that lobbied Jamaica's government to create the reserve, the biggest and most robustly enforced of the island's 14 fish sanctuaries.

Across the Caribbean, governments and fishing communities are beginning to use such "no-take" zones to help rebuild severely depleted fish stocks and make coastal ecosystems more resilient to a warming planet and acidifying oceans.



In this June 13, 2013 photo, fisherman Nicholas Clark stands next to his catch of small fish which he hopes to sell to passing motorists in the Belmont district of Bluefields Bay in southwestern Jamaica.

Associated Press

fying oceans.

No-take areas that expand on less-restrictive marine protected areas have become a growing trend, with U.S. states and nations across the world barring fishing boats from areas that sometimes cover well over 100,000 square miles. In the tourism-dependent Caribbean, conservationists say about 17 million acres, or just over 2 percent, of marine and near-shore resources such as mangroves are protected in some way. And no-take reserves with the highest level of protection are starting to catch on.

The Bahamas boasts the region's largest fishery reserve with the 176-square mile Exuma Cays Land & Sea Park. They're also found in places such as the U.S. Virgin Islands, Belize and the Cayman Islands.

But many protected areas now amount to little more than lines on a map. A recent study by the World Resources Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based environmental think tank, found that many marine protected areas are essentially "paper parks," with-

out adequate resources to enforce various restrictions. Even in well-patrolled reserves such as Bluefields Bay, poachers still try to sneak in at night. And just outside the boundaries, a few subsistence fishermen occasionally blow up reefs with dynamite in order to send fish belly up, Kristos said.

While most of the Caribbean reserves are relatively tiny, "There's little question that small reserves can help recover a number of important species, including grouper. This can help with biodiversity and keeping reefs healthier inside the reserves," said Peter Mumby, a marine ecologist who has studied the Exuma Cays no-take zone.

His team found that coral cover grew significantly faster inside the reserve than outside. That's a big deal in the Caribbean, where the International Union for Conservation of Nature says live coral coverage on reefs is down to an average of just 8 percent, from 50 percent in the 1970s.

Such protected, intact coral reef systems have

been shown to be "more resistant to ocean warming and other effects of climate change," according to Mark Hixon, a marine biologist at the University of Hawaii. That's largely because they have more and more varied living creatures.

Research also indicates that fishermen eventually haul in bigger catches when a marine reserve nearby provides a safe haven for fish to grow. Bigger fish mean more fish since large fish lay more eggs. A 2010 study of no-take reserves in Australia's Great Barrier Reef showed the amount of fish doubling within reserves, as well as a significant increase in marine species in nearby zones.

In St. Lucia, local fishermen strongly resisted when the government closed 35 percent of coral reef fishing grounds in the mid-1990s. For two years, the total catch was severely reduced. But within five years, the catch had soared, increasing by as much as 90 percent in some areas.

"We used to get threatened by fishermen, but now they have been asking for more reserves to be created because they have seen such big improvements," said St. Lucia's chief marine warden, Peter Butcher.

In other regions, commercial and sport fishing interests have criticized some no-take zones, especially on the open sea, as unnecessarily restrictive and badly planned. But the Caribbean's reserves are focused along shores and reefs. They mainly affect poor communities who fish to survive.

In Jamaica alone, reef fisheries support as many as 20,000 subsistence fisher-

men and not all of them see the value of the sanctuaries, even though they recognize how badly depleted the sea has become.

In the Belmont district of Bluefields Bay, where the azure sea is framed by forested mountains heavy with fruit trees and hardwoods, Nicholas Clark and other frustrated young men insist they are not seeing any increase in fish in the abutting areas where they dive with spear guns.

"I used to be able to send my two kids to school with fish and lobster I caught in that place (the reserve). Now, we have to go further out and we're suffering," said Clark, who was among a group of about 10 young men holding up small parrotfish and a few palm-sized red snappers they had caught outside of the protected area and were trying to sell to motorists on a coastal road.

Still, the roughly four-year-old reserve at Bluefields Bay is already visibly teeming with marine life, even if the scientific studies are not yet finished. Spiny lobsters and darting bonito fish can even be seen right at the dock, something almost unheard of in severely overfished Jamaica.

Conservationists say they hope the growing evidence that reserves boost fisheries and protect tourism attractions will lead to more reserves across the Caribbean.

"The idea was always to start small, do it properly and be able to show success to all, especially the skeptics," said Llewellyn Meggs, conservation director at the non-profit Jamaica Environment Trust. "We could then have justification for expanding." □





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## At Caribbean Palm Village Resort:

# George Irausquin named as Employee of the 2nd Quarter



NOORD – Members of staff and management got together just recently to celebrate achievement at Caribbean Palm Village Resort, which just concluded its 25th year anniversary, and is proudly venturing into its 26th year of operation. George Irausquin of the maintenance department outshone all other nominees

during the second quarter, distinguishing himself by his caring attitude, combined with top performance. Other worthy candidates to the coveted title included Marilina Kuiperi, Reservation; Henrica Tromp, Housekeeping and Alicia Ras, Maintenance, who all contributed generously to the success of the operation, in the first

six months of 2013. Additionally many members of the staff received a certificate of commendation for going the extra-mile and performing unexpected but much-appreciated services among them Rosalba Rasmijn, Accounting; Jean Philemon, Housekeeping; Richard Webb, Maintenance; Adriana Tromp, Accounting; Cedric Tromp, Maintenance; Evelynne Boekhoudt, Front-desk; Alfredo Sotillo, Housekeeping; Sadia Futa, Reservation; Kenjah Howell, Front-desk; Yahaira Kuiperi, Front-desk; Henrica Tromp, Housekeeping. Interim General Manager Astrid Muller praise her staff for its ethical and professional conduct stating that more than 60% of resort employees



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Associated Press

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AP Sports Writers

International athletics is in turmoil after some of the biggest names in sprinting returned positive doping tests. Former 100-meters world-record holder Asafa Powell of Jamaica, American champion Tyson Gay and Jamaican Olympic gold medalist Sherone Simpson face suspension for testing positive for banned substances, puncturing the myth that the sport has cleaned up its act. "I am not now — nor have I ever been — a cheat," Powell said in a message released through his Twitter account. The 30-year-old Powell, who held the 100-meter record at 9.74 until Usain Bolt broke it in 2008, was calling for an investigation as to how a stimulant called oxilofrine entered his system and caused a positive test at Jamaica's national championships in June.

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Zach Johnson reacts after missing a putt on the first hole of a playoff in the John Deere Classic golf tournament, Sunday, July 14, 2013, at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. Jordan Spieth defeated Johnson and David Hearn on the fifth hole of the playoff.  
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## Spieth is youngest PGA winner in 82 years

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SILVIS, Illinois (AP) — Nineteen-year-old Jordan Spieth outlasted David Hearn and Zach Johnson on the fifth hole of a playoff to win the John Deere Classic on Sunday, becoming the youngest winner on the PGA Tour in 82 years. Spieth, who doesn't turn 20 for another two weeks, hit a two-foot par putt to earn a spot in the British Open field at Muirfield. He is also the first teenager to a PGA title win since Ralph Guldahl took the Santa Monica Open in 1931. "I didn't think it would happen this early," said Spieth, who turned professional in December. "I had a plan. I guess the plan got exceeded." Spieth started the day six

shots behind third-round leader Daniel Summerhays. But he forced his way into the playoff by holing out of the bunker from 44 feet on the final hole of regulation. Spieth got lucky when that shot took a pair of fortuitous bounces. But he also put himself in that position with a brilliant final round. "The shot on 18 was the luckiest shot I ever hit in my life," Spieth said. "The fact that it bounced right and hit the pin and dropped down to the cup, it's just extremely fortunate." Spieth, Hearn and Johnson then made par on the first four playoff holes, but Spieth made another par to stave off Johnson and Hearn on the fifth. Johnson, the defending champion at Deere Run, seized control midway

through the final round of regulation, but he simply couldn't get enough birdies to put the field away, and his uncharacteristic bogey on No. 18 set up a three-man playoff. All three players had their chances to make a playoff-ending shot — with Johnson narrowly missing from the back of the green on a chip shot that clipped the cup on the first playoff hole. Johnson hit the ground in disbelief. It would turn out to be the closest he would get to victory. "I had my chances on the back side in regulation. I mean, I hit some really good shots and just didn't make anything," Johnson said. Hearn also had a shot at the win, which would have

been his first on the PGA Tour, as well. But he missed a makeable putt on the fourth playoff hole. "Congrats to Jordan. He's going to have an amazing career, obviously. He's an incredible talent to come on Tour at his age and have as much success as quickly as he has. So hat's off to him," Hearn said. Spieth, Hearn and Johnson all went right on their final tee shot. Spieth scrambled out of the rough, though, finding the back of the green to save par and win his first PGA Tour event. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy were all 20 when they earned their first victories, but none of them could match Spieth, who is now the fourth-youngest winner in Tour history. □



# Japan beats U.S. to win gold at Softball World Cup

**MURRAY EVANS**  
**Associated Press**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)**

— Yuki Hayashi had two hits from four at bats with three RBIs as Japan beat the United States 6-3 on Sunday to win the gold medal in the eighth World Cup of Softball.

Yuka Ichiguchi tripled and drove in two runs for Japan, which beat the U.S. for the second time in as many days and extended its winning streak over the Americans to three games.

Japan also beat the U.S. in the gold-medal game of last year's World Championships.

Through an interpreter, Japan coach Reika Utsagi said her team was young and didn't feel much pressure to win.

"Even though we knew they would be another pitcher today, our strategy was the same," Utsagi said. "It was to put the bat on the ball and make something happen, both yesterday and today. That's what I think we did very well." The six runs surrendered by the U.S. matched the second-most it had ever allowed in a major international

tournament. Japan beat the U.S. 7-4 on Saturday to set that record.

The U.S. had won the last six World Cups since Japan took the inaugural event in 2005. That also was the last time the U.S. lost twice in the World Cup. The U.S. now is 42-6 all-time in the event.

"My message to the team was that they're better right now," U.S. coach Ken Eriksen said of Japan. "Right now, they are better. You saw the benefits of being able to train together for months and months and months. You saw the deficiencies of Team USA, with the inability to train for months and months and have five days to get together.

Misato Kawano singled leading off in the first and scored on an infield single by Yukiyo Mine.

Michelle Moultrie walked and Lauren Gibson reached on an error in the bottom of the first and were in scoring position with one out, but Okamura struck out Amanda Chidester and coaxed a popup from Valerie Ario to end the threat.

Japan blew the game open in the second

against U.S. starter Jessica Moore (1-1). Natsuka Ono singled with one out and Nozomi Shimasaki followed with a bunt single. One out later, Moore intentionally walked Kawano to load the bases. Ichiguchi followed with a popup to short left field that hit the glove of the hard-charging Chidester but fell to the ground, allowing two runs to score. Hayashi followed with a sharp single to right field and two more runs scored, making it 5-0.

In the bronze-medal game, Australia beat Canada 4-3 in eight innings. □



Team Japan holds the trophy high after defeating the United States 6-3 in the World Cup of Softball tournament championship game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, July 14, 2013  
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## Melancon, Romo, Tillman added to All-Star teams

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Pittsburgh pitcher Mark Melancon has been picked as a replacement for the NL All-Star team, giving the Pirates five players in the game for the first time since 1972.

NL manager Bruce Bochy also selected Sergio Romo, his San Francisco Giants closer, as a replacement pick Sunday. Pirates pitcher Jeff Locke and Washington Nationals pitcher Jordan Zimmermann, both on the original NL All-Star

roster, are hurt and will miss Tuesday's game at Citi Field.

Baltimore pitcher Chris Tillman was picked by AL manager Jim Leyland of Detroit to replace Tigers ace Justin Verlander, who started Sunday. Under baseball's labor contract, pitchers who start on the Sunday before the All-Star game may opt not to participate. Verlander was the starter and loser of last year's All-Star game at Kansas City. □

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# Mickelson wins Scottish Open after playoff

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**AP Sports Writer**

**INVERNESS, Scotland (AP)**

— Phil Mickelson birdied the first playoff hole to beat Branden Grace and win the Scottish Open on Sunday, ending his 20-year wait for a victory in Europe. After three-putting the 72nd hole to miss out on a win in regulation, Mickelson produced a superb pitch from 45 yards that landed within a foot of the 18th pin, leaving Grace a 25-footer to match him.

Grace's putt rolled by the hole and the 43-year-old American was able to celebrate a 48th professional victory worldwide, with his wife and three children watching on.

"I almost let it slip away but to come out on top feels terrific," Mickelson said.

Mickelson was using the tournament to hone his links game ahead of next week's British Open at Muirfield and he looks in great shape to challenge for a first claret jug and a fifth major title.

He should tee off on Thursday as No. 5 in the world and 500,000 pounds (\$740,000) richer.

Mickelson and Grace shot 3-under 69s in the final round to finish on 17-under 271 and overhaul overnight leader Henrik Stenson, who bogeyed three of his last six holes for a tie for third with unheralded Dane J.B. Hansen on 15 under.

Mickelson had to dig deep to earn his first win on European soil since capturing a title in Paris on the European Challenge Tour in 1993.

When Mickelson drove into the rough on the first hole, topped his second shot and then three-putted, he dropped four shots behind Stenson, who started in a manner befitting his nickname "The Iceman" in the toughest conditions of the week.

After three calm and sunny days, the wind had picked up off the Moray Firth coastline and made the Castle Stuart course much more challenging.

Only five players shot lower than 70.

Mickelson was in more trouble when his chip from just off the third green came up short and rolled back down the hill to his feet. He was now five shots off the leader.

Urged on by a Scottish crowd that has really taken to the American — a long-time supporter of this tournament and a lover of Scotland and its links courses — he birdied the next three holes and then picked up shots at Nos. 11, 12 and 14 to take the sole lead, after briefly sharing it with Stenson and Hansen.

With the two Scandinavians dropping shots coming home, Grace became Mickelson's closest challeng-



**Phil Mickelson from the US, poses with the trophy, after winning the Scottish Open, at Castle Stuart Golf Course, in Inverness, Scotland, Sunday July 14, 2013. Phil Mickelson birdied the first playoff hole to beat Branden Grace and win the Scottish Open on Sunday, ending his 20-year wait for a victory in Europe. Associated Press**

er, but the American only needed to par the 72nd for victory.

He reached the green serenely in three but slid a putt five feet by the hole, and again back up.

"I was so mad at myself after mentally losing my focus," said Mickelson, who embraced his family before returning back up the 18th hole where he was forced to wait to tee off again after organizers had removed the tee markers, clearly confident Mickelson would finish the job the first time around.

Mickelson held his nerve in the playoff, though, with his approach shot bringing roars of approval from fans in the grandstands.

"The people here in Scotland have treated us so well," he said. "I've really enjoyed my time here."

He now hopes to take his form into Muirfield.

"Although I did a lot of things well, I have certainly things to work on," he added.

"Today was great for us to have this type of weather." Hansen briefly held the lead midway through the

last round — although he had looked quite unlikely to be there.

He found the bushes twice on the second fairway — forcing him to take two penalty drops — and then chipped short of the green with his sixth to wind up with a quadruple-bogey nine.

No one has ever won on the European Tour after making that score in his final round and he couldn't alter that stat, despite reeling off seven birdies on his next eight holes.

Like Stenson, he faded away in the run home. □

## Kenny Perry shoots 63 to win U.S. Senior Open

**ERIC OLSON**

**AP Sports Writer**

**OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)**

— Kenny Perry completed his comeback from 10 shots down after the second round to win the U.S. Senior Open on Sunday.

Perry shot a final-round 63 at the Omaha Country Club and won his second straight senior major by five strokes over Fred Funk. His 64-63 finish set a tournament record for the last 36 holes.

The 52-year-old Kentuckian started Sunday two shots

behind leader Michael Allen, but was in front to stay after he birdied the second and third holes and Allen bogeyed the third.

Perry's 63 matched Allen's Friday score for best round of the tournament and was the best ever in a U.S. Senior Open final round. He finished with a 13-under 267, tying the tournament record Hale Irwin set in 2000 at Saucon Valley in Pennsylvania.

Rocco Mediate used three straight birdies on the back nine to get within two shots



**Kenny Perry kisses the trophy Sunday, July 14, 2013, after winning the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament in Omaha, Neb.**

**Associated Press**

of Perry. But Perry birdied Nos. 14 and 15, Mediate bogeyed 16, and Perry's lead was five shots.

Perry made par over the last three holes to finish the biggest win of his career. He got a pat on the back

from Allen as he walked off the 17th green. A wide smile crossed his face as he tapped in for par on 18. He dropped his putter, raised both arms and waved his visor to the gallery. The victory established Perry as the hottest thing going in senior golf. He's the ninth player to win consecutive senior majors. On the regular tour, Perry was best known for collapses in the 2009 Masters and 1996 PGA Championship. Those memories haunted him again in May when he squandered a three-shot lead with six holes to play in the Senior PGA Championship and lost by two to Kohki Idoki. □





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## Vickers a surprise winner at New Hampshire

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LOUDON, New Hampshire

(AP) — Brian Vickers pulled into the lead late and took off on the green-white-checkered finish to win Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The surprise winner snapped a 75-race losing streak in the series with his third career Sprint Cup victory. Vickers drives a part-time schedule for Michael Waltrip Racing and competed in just his eighth race of the season.

Vickers made the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in 2009, only to be sidelined most of the next season with blood clots. He returned to drive a full schedule in 2011 but made only eight Cup starts last season.

Kyle Busch was second and Jeff Burton third. Pole winner Brad Keselowski was fourth and Aric Almirola fifth.

Jimmie Johnson brushed off his 43rd-place start to finish sixth. Tony Stewart was running inside the top 10 at the final caution until he ran out of fuel and plummeted to 26th.

"It wasn't until the end when we started running down the 18 (Busch) and the 14 (Stewart) that I felt we had a car capable of winning," Vickers said. "Then I was hungry."

Vickers hadn't won since the August 2009 race at Michigan. He won his first career Cup race in August 2006 at Talladega Superspeedway.

MWR fields cars for Martin Truex Jr. and Clint Bowyer. But the No. 55 has been shared this season among Vickers, Mark Martin and Michael Waltrip.

Vickers' win may have put him in position for a full-



Brian Vickers celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Associated Press

time ride at MWR in 2014.

"Nothing is a guarantee in life. I learned the hard way," he said. "Even when you think it's done, it's not done. But it definitely goes a long way."

Busch and Vickers finished 1-2 in Saturday's Nationwide Series race. Both drivers had to stretch their fuel and Vickers ran out just as he crossed the finish line.

He was in a similar spot again down the stretch a race later. He had just enough to zip past Stewart with 13 laps left and didn't run out until it was time for

the celebratory burnout.

Stewart wasn't so lucky a week after he finished second at Daytona.

Johnson, who won at Daytona, was mired in last place for the first time in his career after his car flunked post-qualifying inspection. For the five-time Cup champ, that was no big deal. The points leader made quick work through the back of the field and worked his way up to the front for most of the race. He easily breezed past 71-year-old Morgan Shepherd, the oldest driver to

start a race in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series.

Kurt Busch led a race-high 102 laps before he connected with Ryan Newman to end his shot at his first victory of the season. Off the restart, Danica Patrick was involved in a three-car wreck that included boyfriend Ricky Stenhouse Jr. "We're all bunched up on those restarts," Patrick said. "I'm not sure if I misjudged the breaking zone or they stopped really quick in front of me."

Vickers survived it all to win for the third time in 271

Sprint Cup races.

Driving for Red Bull Racing, his career was seriously derailed in 2010 because of clots in his leg and lungs. He had two procedures to close a hole in his heart and insert a stent into a vein in his left leg.

After Red Bull shut down after the 2011 season, Vickers hooked on with MWR. He's been driving full-time this season in the Nationwide Series for Joe Gibbs Racing. Vickers thanked the MWR team for "believing in me and giving me a second chance." □





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## GAY POWELL

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Simpson, who tested positive for the same stimulant, said she "would not intentionally take an illegal substance of any form into my system."

Gay, who has gone out of his way to promote himself as an anti-drug athlete, was more contrite but wasn't taking full responsibility.

"I don't have a sabotage story. I don't have any lies. I don't have anything to say to make this seem like it was a mistake or it was on USADA's hands, someone playing games," said Gay, who fought back sobs in a telephone interview. "I don't have any of those stories. I basically put my trust in someone and I was let down." Gay, who won the 100- and 200-meters at U.S. nationals last month, said he would pull out of the world championships. The 30-year-old Gay, who won world championships in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay in 2007, took part in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's "My Victory" program — in which athletes volunteer for enhanced testing to prove they're clean — and his results never raised red flags. Until, that is, an out-of-competition test May 16, where results came back positive for a banned substance, the identity of which neither he nor USADA CEO Travis Tygart would reveal.

Gay said his "B" sample will be tested soon, possibly as early as this week.

Generally, first-time offenders are hit with two-year bans, though reduced penalties are sometimes given if there are extenuating circumstances, which both Gay and his coach, Lance Brauman, said there were. "He mentioned that he (trusted) someone and that person was untrustworthy



In this Saturday, May 19, 2013 file photo, Asafa Powell of Jamaica, center, competes with Nesta Carter of Jamaica, left, and Kim Collins of Saint Kitts, right, during the men's 100 meter at the Diamond League track and field competition in Shanghai, China. Associated Press

at the end the day," Brauman told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "Maybe I'm naive, but I believe him."

Max Siegel, the CEO of USA Track and Field, said in a statement: "It is not the news anyone wanted to hear, at any time, about any athlete." He said he looked to the United States Anti-Doping Agency to handle the case "appropriately."

Siegel's predecessor at USATF, Doug Logan, called it "a sad day."

"But I don't see anything on the horizon that says this will be abated in any way," Logan told AP.

The former CEO recently wrote a column arguing the fight against performance-enhancing drugs in sports should be ceded because, in his view, anti-doping rules make very little headway against a problem that never seems to disappear. He said he wasn't surprised when he heard about Sunday's onslaught of failed tests and didn't put much credence into the excuses and apologies from those who came up positive. "Over the course of time, culture has bred certain defenses," Logan said. "The reality is, people are using substances to reengineer their bodies or heal better. That's reality."

"It is fast serving to taint ... our proud and long-standing reputation of producing strong, excellent, raw, homegrown talent that has excelled on the world stage without any drug-related enhancement."

While Gay's case gets sorted out in the United States, the positives recorded by Powell and Simpson are part of a bigger doping crisis hitting Jamaica, the home of Bolt and the country that has won 28 medals over the last three Olympics.

In Sunday's editions, The Gleaner newspaper of Jamaica reported that five athletes had tested positive. Paul Doyle, the agent who represents Powell and Simpson, confirmed to the AP that his sprinters were among them. Shortly after Doyle's confirmation, Powell and Simpson each released statements acknowledging the positive tests. The news stirred up angst on the island, where success on the track is a point of pride but the rigor of the country's anti-doping program is under constant scrutiny.

"This does not auger well for track and field globally," said Rashalee Mitchell, a 29-year-old assistant social sciences lecturer at Jamaica's campus of the University of the West Indies. "It is fast serving to taint ... our proud and long-standing reputation of producing strong, excellent, raw, homegrown talent that has excelled on the world stage without any drug-related enhancement."

## Froome tightens grip on lead at Tour de France



Stage winner Christopher Froome of Britain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Nairo Alexander Quintana of Colombia climb Mont Ventoux pass during the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 242.5 kilometers (150.7 miles) with start in Givors and finish on the summit of Mont Ventoux pass, France, Sunday July 14, 2013. Associated Press

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**JOHN LEICESTER**  
Associated Press Writers  
**MONT VENTOUX, France**

(AP)—From now on, let him be called Chris Vroooooom. In a display of cycling power that flabbergasted seasoned observers of his sport, Chris Froome tamed the mammoth mountain climb up Mont Ventoux in Provence on Sunday to tighten his grip on the yellow jersey in a relentless ride toward victory at the 100th Tour de France.

On France's national Bastille Day holiday, he became the first British stage winner on the mountain where his countryman, Tom Simpson, died from a lethal cocktail of exhaustion, heat and doping at the 1967 Tour. The final burst

of acceleration Froome used to shake off his last exhausted pursuer, Colombian Nairo Quintana, was close to a stone memorial to Simpson on the mountain's barren upper reaches. Mouth agape from the effort, filling his lungs with the thinning mountain air, Froome thrust his right arm upward in victory as he became the first rider since the legendary Eddy Merckx in 1970 to win a Mont Ventoux stage while also wearing the race leader's yellow jersey.

"It was incredible today, incredible. This is the biggest victory of my career," Froome said. "I didn't imagine this, this climb is so historical. It means so much to this race, especially being the 100th edition."



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# Robots to revolutionize U.S. farms, ease labor woes

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SALINAS, California (AP) — Researchers are now designing robots for the last frontier of agricultural mechanization — fruits and vegetables destined for the U.S. fresh market, which have resisted mechanization because they're sensitive to bruising. The robots are designed to handle these delicate crops by integrating advanced sensors, powerful computing, electronics, computer vision, robotic hardware and algorithms, as well as networking and high precision GPS localiza-

tion technologies. On a windy morning in California's Salinas Valley, a tractor pulled a wheeled, metal contraption over rows of budding lettuce plants. Engineers from Silicon Valley tinkered with the software to ensure the machine was eliminating the right leafy buds. The Lettuce Bot can "thin" a field of lettuce in the time it takes about 20 workers to do the job by hand. Most agricultural robots won't be commercially available for at least a few years. But in this region known as America's Salad Bowl, where for a century fruits and vegetables have



In this May 23, 2013, photo, field operations manager Matthew Rossow tests the lettuce bot in Salinas, Calif.

Associated Press

## Twitter gives France data in anti-Semitic posts

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Associated Press  
PARIS (AP) — Twitter has given French authorities information that can help identify the authors of a series of racist and anti-Semitic tweets that carried French hashtags, and the social media site also has agreed to work with a Jewish student group that sued for the data on other ways to fight hate speech. The president of the Union of Jewish Students of France said Saturday that his organization, known as UEJF, was withdrawing a \$50 million lawsuit against San Francisco-based Twitter Inc., which was originally filed as a means to pressure the company to comply and "end Twitter's indifference." "We got Twitter to respect the laws of our country," Jonathan Hayoun said in a telephone interview. Propagating racial and anti-Semitic hatred is against French law.

Twitter's policies require international users to comply with local laws regarding online conduct and acceptable content, and the social network's free-wheeling style has in the past been stymied by European legislation. In January, a Paris court ordered Twitter to turn over data that could help identify account holders who last fall posted the offending tweets, which included slurs and photos evoking the Holocaust. The anti-Semitic tweets, which started Oct. 10, were followed by racist posts against Muslims. Twitter then agreed to pull the tweets. A joint statement Friday from Twitter and the UEJF said the social media site has turned over to the Paris prosecutor's press and public liberties section "data that may enable the identification of certain users that the vice-prosecutor believes have violated French law." □

been planted and harvested by migrant workers, the machines could prove revolutionary. "There aren't enough workers to take the available jobs, so the robots can come and alleviate some of that problem," said Ron Yokota, a farming operations manager at Tanimura & Antle, the fresh produce company that owns the field where the Lettuce Bot was being tested. Research into fresh produce mechanization was dormant for years because of an over-abundance of workers and pressures from farmworker labor unions. In recent years, as the labor supply has tightened and competition from abroad has increased, growers have sought out machines to reduce labor costs and supplement the nation's unstable agricultural workforce. The federal government, venture capital companies and commodity boards have stepped up with funding.

"We need to increase our efficiency, but nobody wants to work in the fields," said Stavros G. Vougioukas, professor of biological and agricultural engineering at the University of California, Davis. But farmworker advocates say mechanization would lead to workers losing jobs, growers using more pesticides and the food supply becoming less safe. Fresh fruit harvesting remains the biggest challenge. In addition to mistakes in deciphering color and feel, machines have a hard time distinguishing produce from leaves and branches. And most importantly, matching the dexterity and speed of farmworkers has proved elusive. "The hand-eye coordination workers have is really amazing, and they can pick incredibly fast. To replicate that in a machine, at the speed humans do and in an economical manner, we're still pretty far away," said Daniel L. Schmoldt at

the U.S. Agriculture Department's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. In California, engineers with the Spanish company Agrobot are working with local growers to test a strawberry harvester. The machine is equipped with 24 arms whose movement is directed through an optical sensor. It allows the robot to make a choice based on fruit color, quality and size. The berries are plucked and placed on a conveyor belt, where the fruit is packed by a worker. Experts say it will take at least 10 years for harvesters to be available commercially for most fresh-market fruit — not a moment too soon for farmers worried about the availability of workers, said Lupe Sandoval, managing director of the California Farm Labor Contractor Association. "If you can put a man on the moon," Sandoval said, "you can figure out how to pick fruit with a machine." □



# Huge post-Sandy tax increases fail to materialize

By Wayne Parry  
Associated Press

**MANTOLOKING, N.J. (AP)**

-- With all the fears that Superstorm Sandy created, here's one that never materialized: huge tax increases to make up for property destroyed along the coastlines of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Waves of federal aid, some strategic borrowing, lowered property values and surplus accounts helped many shore communities avoid having to raise taxes drastically to compensate for the lost tax revenue.

But the sighs of relief are mixed with early jitters of what could happen next year, when the tide of emergency storm aid will have receded and full rebuilding will still elude some neighborhoods.

The thinking was that because shore towns had lost so much taxable property in the Oct. 29 storm, governments would have no choice but to raise taxes on surviving structures to make up the difference.



**In this July 5, 2013 photo, rubble from a beachfront home still sits on the sand in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., as beachgoers spend time closer to the water.**  
Associated Press

But that was before Congress approved more than \$60 billion in Sandy relief, most of it for New Jersey and New York.

"We were all concerned there would be a big tax increase," said Ray Ryan, a resident of Mantoloking, a Jersey shore town where virtually every one of its 521 homes was destroyed or damaged. "But we are delighted it didn't. It makes absolutely wonderful sense when you consider the storm aid that was available." The affluent bor-

ough adopted a 14.6 percent increase in the municipal tax rate. But because the storm lowered property values and because of an influx of storm recovery aid and borrowing, most municipal tax bills will actually be lower this year.

"That's the good news: Taxes in 2013 will be lower," said Councilman Steve Gillingham. "But because these are nonrecurring revenues, it may be hard in subsequent years to provide the same level of services." The budget calls

for \$5.6 million in spending, up from just over \$4 million last year. But the average tax bill will actually be 23 percent less than last year because storm damage caused property values to plunge by about a third.

For example, the owner of a house previously assessed at \$1 million and now worth \$670,000 because of storm damage will pay \$1,398 in municipal taxes, down from \$1,817 a year ago. The owners of a \$3 million home now worth about \$2 million would pay \$4,186 in municipal taxes, down from \$5,450 last year. Those figures do not include school or county taxes and are the only ones over which municipalities have direct control. Homeowners in many towns may still see an overall increase in taxes because of school spending or other causes, but the doomsday scenario many municipal officials — and homeowners — had feared is not happening.

Lance White, a Mantoloking resident who is raising

his damaged waterfront house, was relieved to hear taxes would not skyrocket this year.

"It would have been a disaster," he said. "We have a lot of people who still don't know what their future is — whether they can rebuild, when, whether they might have to leave. There is still a lot of uncertainty. Everything worries you when you don't know what's going to happen. It's been difficult here for several months now."

In community after community, municipal taxes are either staying the same this year or going up only very slightly. Money towns had to front out-of-pocket in the fall and winter for emergency cleanup and reconstruction will eventually be paid back by the federal government by as much as 90 percent.

New York state passed legislation to aid badly affected homeowners, authorizing New York City to reimburse them by up to two-thirds of the total bill paid for the 2013 fiscal year. □



**In this April 27, 2010, file photo, Fabrice Tourre, former Goldman Sachs trader, testifies before the Senate Investigations subcommittee in Washington.**  
Associated Press

**LARRY NEUMEISTER  
TOM HAYS  
Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A judge presiding over the civil trial of a former Goldman Sachs trader accused of misleading investors about the true prospects of their bet on a package of mortgage-based securities has summed up the charges against him with

a fairytale, saying it's as if he's accused of handing Little Red Riding Hood an invitation to grandmother's house while concealing the fact the invitation was written by the Big Bad Wolf. In the case against Fabrice Tourre, U.S. District Judge Katherine B. Forrest says the victims weren't to be "hooded children but rather large financial insti-

## Ex-Goldman Sachs trader faces N.Y. SEC civil trial

tutions, operating in a dog-eat-dog world."

The charges stem from a group of mortgage-based securities that were marketed in early 2007 when Tourre worked for Goldman Sachs as a vice president. Tourre was born in France and moved to the United States in 2000 to study at Stanford University, where he obtained a graduate degree in science.

The Securities and Exchange Commission accused Tourre in an April 2010 lawsuit of making misstatements and omissions to investors in a portfolio of 90 sub-prime and mid-prime residential mortgage-backed securities.

The charges accused Tourre of making false and misleading statements and aiding false statements and material omissions by his employer. The SEC

sought a declaration that Tourre had violated securities laws, along with a disgorgement of profits and unspecified penalties and damages. In July 2010, Goldman Sachs settled charges brought against it, agreeing to pay \$550 million. It still faces private litigation in the matter, including a federal securities class action lawsuit.

The SEC's civil fraud charges concern the role of a large hedge fund, Paulson & Co. Inc., and its billionaire president, John A. Paulson, in helping to choose the assets that would decide the value of the investment. While Paulson played a significant role in selecting the assets, the company also shorted over \$1 billion of those assets through credit default swaps, the SEC said.

The SEC said the kinds of

mortgage-based securities Tourre was selling just as the housing market was showing signs of distress contributed to the financial crisis a year later by magnifying losses associated with the downturn of the U.S. housing market. While investors lost more than \$1 billion in the investment, Paulson's positions earned it more than \$1 billion, the SEC said. During the trial, which is scheduled to begin Monday, the SEC said it plans to call a number of Goldman Sachs employees as witnesses. The defense has said in court papers that the SEC has had difficulty finding evidence to support its charges despite its review of more than 12 million pages of documents, thousands of tapes and dozens of investigation interview and deposition transcripts. □



# China's economic growth slows more as trade slumps

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**AP Business Writer**

**BEIJING (AP)** — China's leaders face new pressure to stimulate a slowing economy after growth decelerated for a second consecutive quarter, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom.

The world's second-largest economy expanded 7.5 percent over a year earlier in the three months ending in June, down from the previous quarter's 7.7 percent, data showed Monday. Growth in factory output, investment and other indicators weakened.

The fifth straight quarter of growth below 8 percent is "a clear sign of distress," said IHS Global Insight analyst Xianfang Ren in a report. With investment weak, she said growth might be "at risk of stalling." Analysts said growth could fall further in the current quarter, adding to pressure on communist leaders who took power last year and are trying to shift China from reliance on exports and investment to slower, more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption. Chinese leaders are likely to respond by launching new stimulus to make sure growth hits their target for this year of 7.5 percent, said Credit Agricole CIB economist Dariusz Kowalczyk. He said that might include weakening the Chinese currency to spur exports or pumping money into the economy through higher public works spending.

"We will see some targeted measures to stimulate growth," said Kowalczyk. "They have to do something. Otherwise they will miss their target. And they cannot afford that, because this is their first year in power."

A decline in Chinese economic activity could have global repercussions, denting revenues for suppliers of commodities and industrial components such as Australia, Brazil and South-east Asia. Lower Chinese demand already has depressed prices for iron ore and other raw materials.



**A watermelon wholesale vendor sits amongst his produce in a market in Taiyuan in north China's Shanxi province Sunday July 14, 2013. Recent rainy weather have made the popular summer fruit a hard sell.**  
Associated Press

Despite the slowdown, communist leaders have expressed determination to stick to plans aimed at nurturing slower and more sustainable growth.

"Major indicators are within our targeted range but we face a complex situation," said a spokesman for the statistics bureau, Sheng Laiyuan, at a news conference.

Sheng said the government's goal is to "promote restructuring" and make more of the "driving force" of the market.

Growth in factory output slowed to 9.3 percent for the first half of the year, down 0.2 percentage point from the first quarter's rate, the statistics bureau reported. Growth in investment in factories and other fixed assets in the first half declined by 0.8 percentage points to 20.1 percent. Retail sales in the first half rose 12.7 percent but that was down 1.7 percentage points from a year earlier.

"Further deceleration is possible if reforms and stimulus measures are delayed," said Alastair Chan of Moody's Analytics in a report.

Chinese leaders have promised to launch re-

forms aimed at making the economy more productive and helping entrepreneurs but no major changes are expected until after a Communist Party meeting in the autumn.

Growth also has been dented by a crackdown on overly fast growth in bank lending. Government efforts to tighten lending controls caused a temporary shortage of credit in Chinese financial markets last month.

Further efforts to rein in lending, especially unregulated private lending, could hurt entrepreneurs who generate most of the country's new jobs and wealth.

The ruling party's 7.5 percent growth target for the year is stronger than forecasts for the United States, Europe and Japan, but China's weakest performance since 1991. Finance Minister Lou Jiwei appeared to try to lower expectations last week when he told reporters in Washington that growth as low as 6.5 percent would be tolerable.

The International Monetary Fund cut its year growth forecast for China last week to 7.8 percent com-

pared with 8.1 percent in April. The IMF's forecast for 2014 was cut to 7.7 percent from 8.3 percent. The Fund's chief economist, Olivier Blanchard, said China was the country at the greatest risk of a "large decrease in growth."

Earlier this month, Beijing promised changes in its government-run banking industry, including possible creation of privately owned lenders, to increase

the supply of credit to entrepreneurs and more productive companies. It gave no timetable.

"The payoff from such financial consolidation efforts will most likely show up in the medium and long-term, even if implemented successfully," said Ren of IHS Global Insight. "In the near term, the downside risk for growth has become much more elevated now than a few months ago." □

## U.S. gas prices down a penny over past 3 weeks

**Associated Press**

**CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)** -- The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped a penny over the past three weeks.

The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the price of a gallon of regular is \$3.59. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.77 a gallon, and premium is \$3.91.

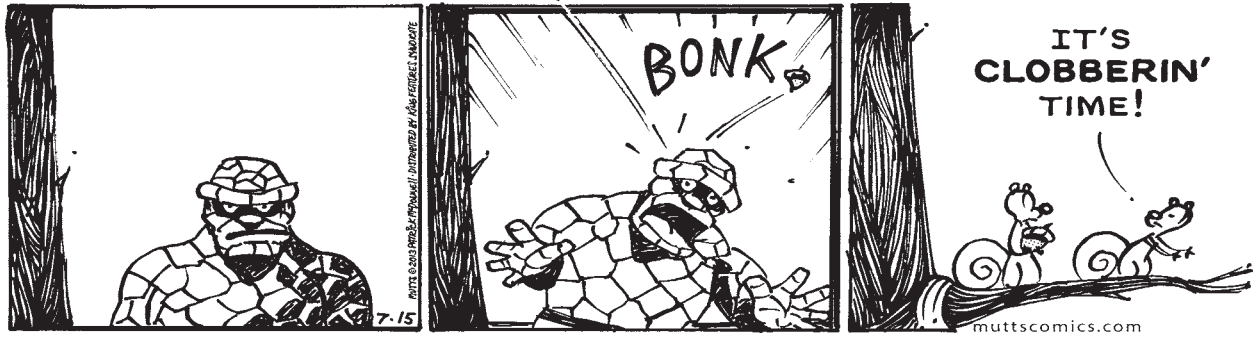
Diesel remained unchanged at \$3.90 gallon.

Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, Charleston, S.C., has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.22. Chicago has the highest at \$4.04.

In California, the lowest average price was \$3.79 in Sacramento. The highest was in Los Angeles at \$4.02. The average statewide for a gallon of regular was \$3.95, a decrease of six cents. □



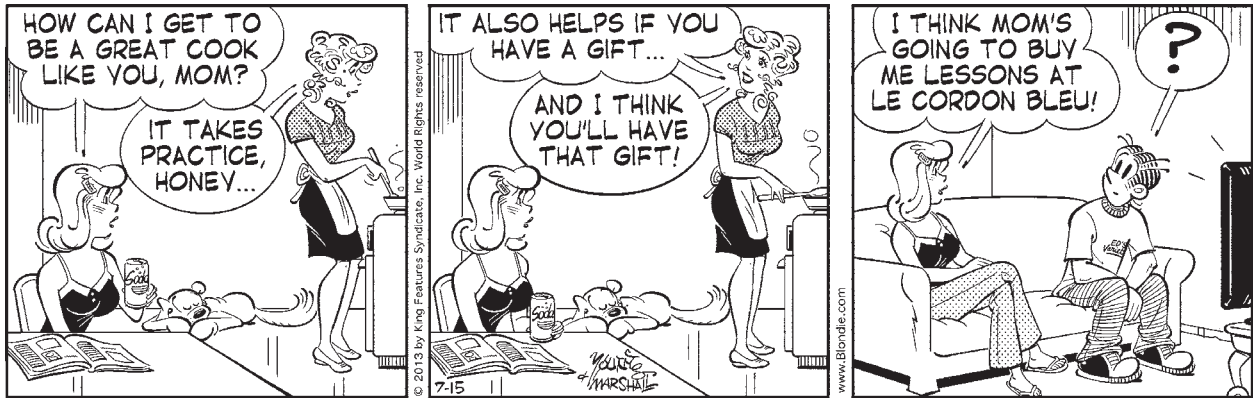
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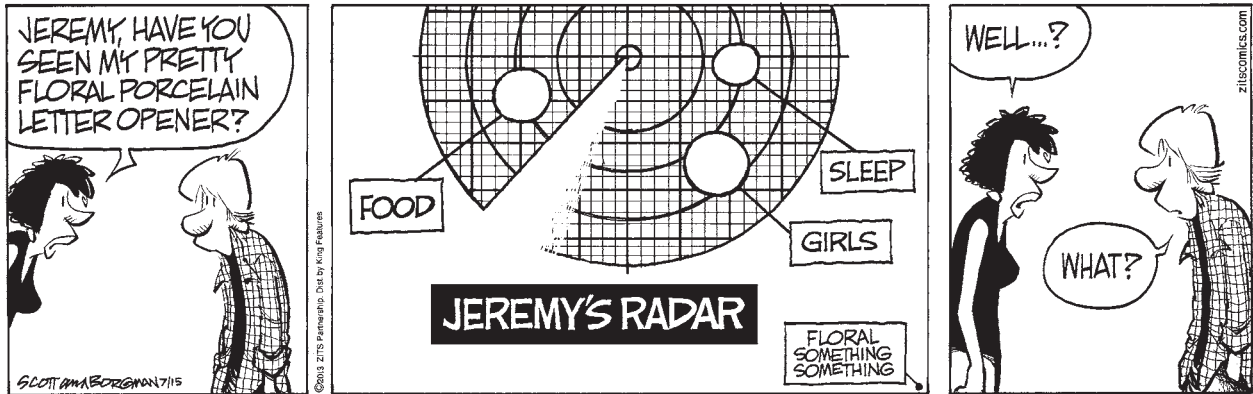
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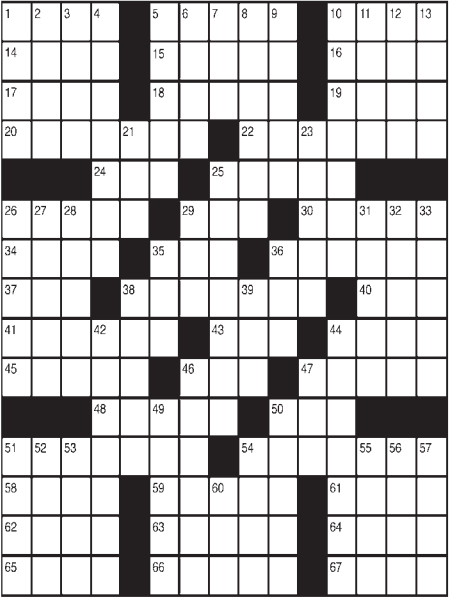
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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17 Examination  
18 Thin pancake  
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20 Plead with  
22 Counseled  
24 One of Santa's helpers  
25 Pay a call on  
26 Closes noisily  
29 Scarlet or ruby  
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34 Rosé or Chianti  
35 Craving  
36 Tavern  
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38 Piano students' presentation  
40 Highest spade  
41 \_\_\_ up; botches  
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46 Mother pig  
47 Furiously  
48 Crow's cousin  
50 Center of activity  
51 \_\_\_ a point; harp on the subject  
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58 Declare openly  
59 Forest home  
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# Could rap lyrics shift after Wayne, Ross mishaps?

**MESFIN FEKADU**  
**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Since it began, rap has found ways to offend. Whether for political content, sexual imagery, misogyny, violence or coarse humor, rappers have found themselves having to defend their words on a regular basis, no matter how innocuous — or extreme. Those defenses have typically been defiant. So it was a bit startling when both Lil Wayne and Rick Ross — under intense fire over rhymes deemed offensive — gave mea culpas for their words amid threats of boycotts and a loss of major endorsements.

Their contrition, and the success of their detractors in getting them dropped by major corporations, raises the question: Could the close attention paid to lyrics today — mainly because of the digital age and social media — find some rappers toning down their words, or compromising artistry, to satisfy others?

Ebro Darden, the program director of New York's Hot 97 radio station, thinks rappers may become more mindful, but isn't convinced this is a tipping point in the genre.

"I think they'll be more cautious about the disrespect they show toward a specific situation," he said. "I think hip-hop is a culture of people speaking what they feel and see. ... I think it does get out of balance sometimes and I think that's the main issue people have with hip-hop."

Others see Lil Wayne and



In this Sept. 21, 2012 file photo, Lil Wayne performs at the iHeart Radio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas. Associated Press

Ross' situations as blips that won't shake up how rap stars approach their music. "Folks in hip-hop are going to use freedom of expression," said Cori Murray, the entertainment director at Essence. "I don't see them self-editing themselves." There are still plenty of examples of vulgarities dominating in rap, including pop hits such as Kendrick Lamar's "(Expletive), Don't Kill My Vibe" and A\$AP Rocky's "(Expletive) Problems." But even for a genre known for using outrageous words to convey a message, some thought Lil Wayne went too far. On a remix of rapper-producer Future's song, "Karate Chop," Lil Wayne compared a sex act to the beating that killed 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi. PepsiCo cut ties with Lil Wayne in May; it was the same week the company pulled an online Mountain Dew ad — developed by Tyler, the Creator — that

was criticized for portraying racial stereotypes and making light of violence toward women. □

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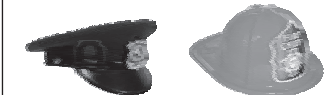
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# Japan: Radioactive water likely leaking to Pacific

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**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Japan's nuclear regulator says radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima power plant is probably leaking into the Pacific Ocean, a problem long suspected by experts but denied by the plant's operator.

Officials from the Nuclear Regulation Authority said a leak is "strongly suspected" and urged plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. to determine where the water may be leaking from and assess the environmental and other risks, including the impact on the food chain. The watchdog said Wednesday it would form a panel of experts to look into ways to contain the problem.

The watchdog's findings underscore TEPCO's delayed response in dealing with a problem that experts have long said existed. On Wednesday, the company continued to raise doubts about whether a leak exists.

TEPCO spokesman Noriyuki Imaizumi said the increase in cesium levels in monitoring well water samples does not necessarily mean contaminated water from the plant is leaking to the ocean. TEPCO was running another test on water samples and suspects earlier spikes might have been caused by cesium-laced dust slipping into the samples, he said. But he



**This aerial photo taken on July 9, 2013 shows reactor buildings Unit 2, left, and Unit 1 at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan.**

**Associated Press**

said TEPCO is open to the watchdog's suggestions to take safety steps.

The Fukushima Dai-ichi plant was ravaged by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, and TEPCO has used massive amounts of water to cool the damaged reactors since then. Repeated leaks of the contaminated water stored on site have hampered decommissioning efforts.

Marine biologists have warned that the radioactive water may be leaking continuously into the sea from underground, citing high radioactivity in fish samples taken near the plant.

Since May, TEPCO has reported spikes in cesium lev-

els in underground water collected from a coastal observation pit, while the water-soluble element strontium showed high levels in seawater samples taken in areas just off the coast of the plant. The company says most of the contamination has been there since the 2011 accident.

TEPCO has said it has detected "no significant impact" on the environment. It says cesium tends to be absorbed in the soil, and denies water contaminated with that element reached the sea.

But the Nuclear Regulation Authority said Wednesday that samples from both the pit water and coastal sea-

water indicated that contaminated underground water likely had reached the sea.

Watchdog chairman Shunichi Tanaka said he thinks that the seawater contamination has been happening since the accident, but that it was worst early in the crisis.

"What's most important is to minimize the leak to the outside and reduce the impact on the human society," he said.

Most fish and seafood from along the Fukushima coast are barred from the domestic market and from being exported. Seafood caught north and south of Fukushima are regularly tested for radiation to make sure

they are safe for consumption. In the wider ocean, the contaminated water becomes too diluted to be harmful.

The safety of fish and other foods from around Fukushima remains a concern among ordinary Japanese, who are among the world's highest per capita consumers of seafood.

TEPCO says it has taken steps to prevent seawater contamination but that it is impossible to completely prevent the contamination from spreading.

Atsunao Marui, underground water expert at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, said there is a possibility of new leaks from reactor buildings. He said TEPCO will have to expand its seawater sampling and its investigation of the underground water system to assess the extent of possible contamination.

"It is important to apply several layers of protection," he told NHK television.

The plant still runs on jury-rigged systems to cool the reactors, and managing the contaminated water and its storage has been a chronic headache.

"When something unexpected happens, we can only take stopgap measures, which shows how unstable Fukushima Dai-ichi still is," Tanaka said. "Given the situation, we can only use the best of our wisdom and do what we can." □

## Puffins flock home to Maine islands

**DAVID SHARP**

**Associated Press**

**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — The cute and comical seabirds called puffins have returned to several Maine islands and are finding plenty of food for their young chicks unlike last summer when many starved.

Young puffins died at an alarming rate last season because of a shortage of herring, leaving adults to try to feed them another type of fish that was too big to swallow. Some chicks died surrounded by piles of uneaten fish.

This summer, the chicks are

getting plenty of hake and herring, said Steve Kress, director of the National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program and professor at Cornell University. But researchers remain concerned.

Occupancy of puffin burrows on Matinicus Rock and at Seal Island, the two largest U.S. puffin colonies, are down by at least a third this season, Kress said. That likely means many birds died over the winter and others were too weak to produce offspring this season, he said.

With colorful beaks, puffins

look like a cross between a penguin and a parrot. They spend most of their lives at sea, coming ashore only to breed each spring, drawing camera-toting tourists by the boatload before the birds depart late in the summer.

The puffins were nearly wiped out a century ago. So 40 years ago, Kress and his team of researchers launched a re-colonization effort called the Puffin Project by transplanting chicks from Newfoundland to man-made burrows on remote Eastern Egg Rock in Muscongus Bay. □



**In this July 1, 2013, photo, a puffin prepares to land with a bill full of fish on Eastern Egg Rock off the Maine coast. Last year young puffins died at an alarming rate from starvation because of a shortage of herring.**

**Associated Press**



# Cory Monteith, star of hit show 'Glee,' found dead

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Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Cory Monteith, the handsome young actor who shot to fame in the hit TV series "Glee" but was beset by addiction struggles so fierce that he once said he was lucky to be alive, was found dead in a hotel room, police said. He was 31.

The Canadian-born Monteith, who played star quarterback-turned-singer Finn Hudson on the Fox TV series about a high school glee club, was found dead in his room on the 21st floor of the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel on Vancouver's waterfront at about noon Saturday, according to police. Acting Vancouver Police Chief Doug LePard said there was no indication of foul play.

Vancouver police said Sunday that an autopsy is expected to take place on

Monday to determine the cause of death.

Monteith's body was found by hotel staff who entered his room after he missed his check-out time, LePard said. Monteith had checked into the hotel on July 6. "We do not have a great deal of information as to cause of death," said British Columbia Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe. She said further tests would be needed to determine how Monteith died.

"The exact nature of those examinations will depend on investigative findings within the next day or two as information is gathered from medical records and discussions with family take place," she said.

LePard said Monteith had been out with people earlier and that those people are being interviewed.

Video and electronic records from the hotel indicate Monteith returned to his room by himself early

Saturday morning, and he was believed to be alone when he died, LePard said. Lapointe said he had been dead for several hours by the time his body was found. Lea Michele, Monteith's "Glee" co-star and real-life girlfriend, was asking for privacy after receiving news of his death, said her representative, Molly Kawachi of ID-PR.

"We ask that everyone kindly respect Lea's privacy during this devastating time," Kawachi said in an email to The Associated Press.

Reality TV celebrity Kim Kardashian offered her condolences in a tweet: "So sad. Prayers 4 his family. Praying 4 Lea too! Words can't describe what they must be feeling."

"Glee" cast members and other celebrities also took to Twitter to express their feelings.

"I have no words! My heart is broken," Dot-Marie Jones,



In this Monday April 12, 2010 file photo, Cory Monteith, a cast member in the television series "Glee," arrives at the "Glee" Spring Premiere Soiree in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

who plays football coach Shannon Beiste on "Glee," said in a post on her Twitter account Saturday night. She called Monteith a "hell of a friend" and an "amazing" man.

Lauren Potter, who plays Becky Jackson, the cheerleader with Down Syndrome on "Glee," tweeted that she feels "totally heartbroken right now."

"I love Cory so much this hurts my heart," she wrote. "I hope my Glee family is OK right now. I love them all. Cory was always so nice to me. I have so many good memories."

"What an absolutely tragic loss of a very talented young man," tweeted Zooey Deschanel, star of another Fox show, "New Girl." □

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# Box office: 'Despicable Me 2' holds top spot

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Universal's minions ran away with the box office for the second week in a row.

With \$44.8 million in domestic ticket sales Friday through Sunday, the animated sequel "Despicable Me 2" outdid the debuts of the Adam Sandler comedy "Grown Ups 2" and director Guillermo del Toro's monsters-versus-robots action film "Pacific Rim."

The weekend's No. 1 movie featuring Steve Carell as the voice of ex-supervillain Gru made another \$55.5 million overseas. That brought its global two-week total to \$472.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"This has become the July film to beat right now," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of the box office tracking division of Hollywood.com.

"There's something about the minions that audiences just love."

Sony was pleased with Sandler's second-best movie opening of his career with \$42.5 million in sales in the U.S. and Canada (His



In this Sept. 27, 2012 file photo, British author J.K. Rowling poses for photographers during a photo call to unveil her new book, entitled: 'The Casual Vacancy', at the Southbank Centre in London. Associated Press

best domestic opening was "The Longest Yard" from 2005 with \$58.6 million over four days). Overseas, the comedy brought in \$1.7 million. The movie brings together former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal as a bumbling police officer with a host of comedy All-Stars including Chris Rock and David Spade playing awkward parents.

The third-place finish of "Pacific Rim," with \$38.3 million in receipts, represented a disappointing start domes-

tically for Warner Bros. and partner Legendary Entertainment. Figures released by the studio showed it doing better overseas.

The movie took in \$53 million from 38 markets outside the U.S. and Canada, representing about half its overseas footprint. It has yet to open in China or Japan, the home of the movie's co-star, Rinko Kikuchi.

Warner Bros. said the debut of "Pacific Rim" in several countries such as Russia and South Korea was bet-

ter than that of other films that have gone on to gross more than \$300 million internationally, like "Transformers 2" and "Prometheus."

The movie had an estimated production budget of \$185 million, not including the millions spent on marketing, so there is still the opportunity for it to make its money back.

Fizziology, a company that tracks buzz on social networks like Twitter and Facebook, said that 82 percent of posts on "Pacific Rim"

were positive ahead of the opening, with only 6 percent negative as some people drew negative comparisons to the "Power Rangers" or "Godzilla." The film draws heavily on Japan's "Kaiju" movie monster tradition. Fizziology President Ben Carlson said the appeal of "Pacific Rim" to 3-D moviegoers and the fact it is one of the most-hyped films of the summer could help it with Asian audiences, he said. "This movie's really pre-wired to do well in those territories," he said. Disney's "The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp as Tonto, took in \$11.1 million domestically in its second week, falling into fifth place behind "The Heat" starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy, which brought in another \$14 million in its third week. The film was temporarily halted in July 2011 to rein in its budget, but production expenses alone are estimated to have exceeded \$200 million. So far, it has pulled in just \$119.1 million worldwide, roughly half of which is kept by theater owners. □

## J.K. Rowling revealed as writer of crime novel

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**LONDON (AP)** — An ex-military man tries his hand at writing, publishes a debut detective novel, and wins critical acclaim. But here's the twist in the tale: The true identity of the author is none other than "Harry Potter" creator J.K. Rowling. It's impressive literary wizardry by Rowling, who said she relished the freedom of writing "The Cuckoo's Calling" under her pseudonym, Robert Galbraith.

"I hoped to keep this secret a little longer because being Robert Galbraith has been such a liberating experience," she said in a statement released by her publicist on Sunday. "It has been wonderful to publish without hype or expecta-

tion, and pure pleasure to get feedback from publishers and readers under a different name."

"The Cuckoo's Calling," a story about a war veteran turned private investigator who is called in to probe the mysterious death of a model, was published to rave reviews in April by Sphere, part of publisher Little, Brown & Co.

The Sunday Times claimed it was investigating "how a first-time author with a background in the army and the civilian security industry could write such an assured debut novel" when it connected the dots. The paper said clues included the fact that Rowling and Galbraith shared the same agent and editor, and that Little, Brown published Row-

ling's novel for adults, "The Casual Vacancy." It also said the book's style and subject matter resembled Rowling's work.

Rowling's publicist confirmed the paper's detective work was correct, and the news helped the novel climb straight to the top of Amazon's best-selling list Sunday. It's also left Britain's bookstores unprepared.

Jon Howells, a spokesman for Waterstones, one of the country's biggest bookselling chains, said it had only a handful of copies of "The Cuckoo's Calling" scattered around the country — and they probably sold out on Sunday.

He added that Rowling's feat was "the best act of literary deception since Stephen King was outed



This film file publicity image released by Universal Pictures shows characters Lucy, voiced by Kristen Wiig, left, and Gru, voiced by Steve Carell in "Despicable Me 2."

Associated Press

as Richard Bachman back in the 1980s." King said he wrote disguised as Bachman so that he could publish more books each year. In her statement, Rowling thanked her editor David Shelley, the publishing staff who worked on the book without knowing her identity, and the reviewers who praised it without knowing

about her authorship. She added that "Galbraith" planned to keep writing the series, and her publisher said that the second book is expected to be published next summer. Now that her identity is revealed, Little, Brown said "The Cuckoo's Calling" will be reprinted with a revised author biography. □



## A FREE FOOD MIRACLE!



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MOPTI, Mali - Can you name a miracle food that is universally available, free and can save children's lives and maybe even make them smarter?

That's not a trick question. There really is such a substance, now routinely squandered, that global health experts believe could save more than 800,000 lives annually. While you're puzzling over the answer, let me tell you how I just saw it save a life here in West Africa.

I'm on my annual win-a-trip journey, in which I take a university student along with me so we can report on global poverty. The winner, Erin Luhmann of the University of Wisconsin, and I randomly stopped in a village near the Malian town of Mopti to ask about food shortages.

Then we spotted a baby boy who was starving to death. The infant, only 3 weeks old, was wizened from severe malnutrition and had the empty, unresponsive face of a child shutting down everything else to keep his organs functioning.

The teenage mother, Seyda Allaye, said that she didn't have much milk and that the baby wasn't nursing well. She saw that he was dying and that morning had invested in cow's milk in hopes of saving him.

Erin and I had a vehicle, so we offered to take her and her son to a hospital to see if doctors could save his life. At the hospital, a doctor examined the baby, asked his mother to try to nurse him and immediately diagnosed the problem.

"The mother doesn't know how to breast-feed properly," said the doctor, Amidou Traoré. "We see lots of cases of child mortality like this."

Traoré repositioned Seyda Allaye's arm, helped the infant latch on to her breast, and the baby came alive. And there's the answer to my opening question. The miracle food that could save so many lives is: breast milk.

The latest nutritional survey from The Lancet estimates that suboptimal breast-feeding claims the lives of 804,000 children annually. That's more than the World Health Organization's estimate of malaria deaths each year.

Look, I realize that there's something patronizing about

a man griping about poor breast-feeding practices, and, in the West, the issue is linked to maternity leaves and other work practices. But, if we want to save hundreds of thousands of lives, maybe a step forward is to offer more support to moms in poor counties trying to nurse their babies.

Nursing a baby might seem instinctive, but plenty goes wrong. In some parts of the world, a problem has been predatory marketing by formula manufacturers, but, in the poorest countries, the main concern is that moms delay breast-feeding for a day or two after birth and then give babies water or food in the first six months. The World Health Organization strongly recommends a diet of exclusively breast milk for that first half year. In a village in Mali, Erin and I watched a woman wash a baby - and then pour handfuls of bath water down his mouth. "It makes the baby strong," a midwife explained.

On hot days, African moms routinely give babies water to drink. In fact, breast milk is all infants need, and the water is sometimes drawn from unsanitary puddles.

Here in Mali, fewer than one-quarter of women breast-feed exclusively for six months. In Niger, where Erin and I are also traveling on this win-a-trip journey, it's 8 percent. In our third country, Chad, it's only 2 percent.

This isn't just an issue in poor countries. In the United States, 16 percent of children are exclusively breast-fed for six months. Then again, in the United States, the child's life does not normally hang in the balance. Several studies highlight other advantages of breast-feeding, including increases of several points in a child's IQ and improved development of areas of the brain associated with language and planning.

While many moms think they don't produce enough milk, nutritionists say that that's rare. Even when moms are malnourished, the baby's frantic suckling will stimulate more milk.

Erin and I traveled partway on this trip with Shawn Baker, a public health expert with Helen Keller International. One day we asked him where he would invest a billion dollars if he had it.

"To me, the next big win in saving kids' lives is breast-feeding promotion," he said. "It's absolutely unacceptable that more than 800,000 kids are dying annually of suboptimal breast-feeding."

Ghana is a model of a country that has successfully used public health campaigns to raise rates of exclusive breast-feeding very significantly.

There are many ways to save lives, some involving dazzling technologies. But maybe in our sophistication we've overlooked a way to ease childhood malnutrition that is sustainable, scalable, free - and so straightforward that all hungry newborns cry for it. □



## NEW YORK SIZZLES



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Positive aspects of New York City's Weiner-Spitzer summer:

1) Opportunities for invigorating dinner conversations over who would be worse to have as a major city official. Personally, I think Eliot Spitzer is behaving as if he's much crazier. But it's true that you can never look at Anthony Weiner without imagining his underwear.

2) Opportunities to discuss what would happen if we got both. It could be pretty exciting. The entire city would come to a halt as the two staffs fired rocket launchers at each other. The movie version would be in 3-D and star Channing Tatum as Eliot Spitzer.

3) Opportunities to bring up New York sex scandals of the past, beginning with Grover Cleveland and ending with the time that Mayor Rudy Giuliani announced his separation plans at a press conference before telling his wife.

But about our current situation. Disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner is, as you know, running for mayor in the Democratic primary this September. We had just sort of gotten used to that when Eliot Spitzer jumped into the city comptroller race this week.

Spitzer resigned as governor in 2008 after the world discovered our law-and-order chief executive was a patron of high-priced prostitution services. When he left, he vowed to try "outside of

politics, to serve the common good."

Then, suddenly, this week, he was back inside politics! Announcing that he was going to run for office again because, as he said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," "I believe in service."

Time after time, we hear a scandal-tarred politician vow to go away and make amends. Time after time, we envision a stint as a missionary or a hospital volunteer. Time after time, we are disappointed.

Consider the example of former Rep. Steve Driehaus of Cincinnati, a person who, I should point out immediately, did not do anything wrong whatsoever except lose a race for re-election in 2010. He then packed up his family and went off to join the Peace Corps in Swaziland.

"He's working with folks with HIV/AIDS. He loves it," reported his sister, Denise.

In his week's TV tour, Spitzer failed to address the question of why he was not in Swaziland. He said on "Morning Joe" that during his five years in exile, "I've tried to do things that matter in a small, quiet way." This seemed like a strange way to describe multiple stints hosting political talk shows.

His late-breaking campaign entry had an unplanned, semihysterical

air. He seemed to have no staff or organization, and he announced just four days before the deadline for turning in nominating petitions. This is one of the many quaint parts of the New York democratic tradition, intended to make it difficult for people who are not incumbent officeholders to get on the ballot.

Nobody knows what drove Spitzer to jump in. Did Weiner's entry trigger a case of disgraced-politician competitiveness? Is he bored? Did the fact that he's run through every possible cable news show option send him into a panic?

He said that people were always coming up to him on the street

and urging him to get back in the game. This is sort of true. A few years back, I had breakfast with him in a little diner and a couple of people did approach, unprompted, to say that they thought he got a raw deal.

"They wouldn't have made you quit in Europe," one said.

"Maybe I should move to Europe," Spitzer responded cheerfully.

People like to be able to go home and tell their families that they met a celebrity, even a disgraced one. Actually, more particularly a disgraced one. (You could get a lot more mileage by describing your encounter with former Gov. Eliot Spitzer than former Gov. George Pataki.) And when you're looking for a celebrity conversation starter, "I hope you run for something again" goes a lot farther than "Why are you still here?"

In his re-entry interview with Jonathan Van Meter in The Times Magazine, Anthony Weiner said people were always coming up to him saying he should run. (Although some, Weiner added, also said: "Spitzer! You're Governor Spitzer!") New York is a liberal place, but can there be that much hunger for sex-scandal-scarred candidates?

Meanwhile, people are coming up to Scott Stringer, the other Democratic candidate for comptroller, and saying things like, "You gotta beat Eliot Weiner."

Stringer, the current Manhattan borough president, was stunned when the news about Spitzer broke on Sunday night.

"I'm 53, and I got more calls and texts than I think I'd gotten in my entire life," Stringer said. "Thank God I have the unlimited plan."

A poll conducted by Marist for The Wall Street Journal and NBC 4 New York, showed Spitzer ahead, 42 percent to 33 percent. It might just be name recognition. But if this guy wins, all hopes of getting errant politicians to do penance anywhere but a CNN studio is gone forever. □



# History, science, scenery blend on Isles of Shoals

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**RYE, N.H. (AP)** — Year-round residents are scarce, but the Isles of Shoals come alive in summer with a rich blend of history, science and scenic beauty that has long inspired artists and writers.

Since the English explorer Captain John Smith spotted them just under 400 years ago, the cluster of nine small islands — five in Maine, four in New Hampshire — evolved from a rough-and-tumble 17th century fishing outpost to a posh Victorian-era vacation destination. Today, a cutting-edge marine research lab run by Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire overlooks the stone foundation of 19th century poet Celia Thaxter's cottage and her restored flower garden on Appledore Island. Across the harbor on Star Island, the island grouping's last remaining hotel beckons with its wide wooden porch and rocking chairs arranged to take full advantage of the ocean view.

The 140-year-old Oceanic Hotel is owned by the Star Island Corporation, which was founded by members of the Universalist Unitarian Church and Congregational churches and has been hosting summer conferences on the island since 1915. This summer's offerings include everything from photography and painting to international affairs. There's a "paranormal adventure weekend," a conference on "the mysterious and misunderstood world of mushrooms," and a host of family, adult and youth conferences, several focused on religion or spirituality.

Until a few years ago, only conference participants could stay overnight at the hotel, but it's now open to individuals and families for "personal retreats" if space allows. But don't expect to be whisked back to the golden age of grand hotels — the furnishings are sparse and shabby, bathrooms are down the hall,



**In this photo taken from the Isles of Shoals Star Island in Rye, N.H. June 24, 2013 the lighthouse is seen on White Island.**  
**Associated Press**

and showers, allowed on alternating days, are in the basement. There are no locks on the door and some rooms lack electrical outlets, though you can charge your cellphone at the front desk.

The fact that my family's recent stay coincided with a youth conference — think slamming doors, pounding feet and yelling in the hall-

the staircase and you can see how grand it was, and how a person could make an entrance. But there's a faded part," said Ann Beattie of Stratham. "It's like camping on the ocean." Beattie, who was leading a conference for the Isles of Shoals Historical and Research Association during our stay, had read a bit about islands' history

feet. I could imagine people walking around here in Victorian clothing, I could imagine the fishermen out on the rocks in the 1600s," she said. "Being where it happened made me feel like the history was alive." Betty Olivolo of Kittery, Maine, said she used to pride herself on never vacationing in the same location twice. But after attending a Star Island retreat 15 years, she has come back every year.

"A lot of it's the people — amazing friends. It's kind of like going to an adult camp, you want to go back and see your friends," she said. "And it's the amazing scenery. I'm a photographer, and no matter how many trillion pictures I've taken on Star Island, there's always another angle, another little corner to peek around."

The hotel's sloping lawn dominates one side of the island, while the back features paths that wind through low-growing brush to the ocean, where seagull chicks scurry into crevices and waves crash against the rocks. A small

chapel sits on the island's highest point, surrounded by a handful of stone cottages, one of which houses a tiny museum. There's a small marine lab with salt-water tanks and terrariums, and guests can rent rowboats to explore some of the other islands.

Aside from a few private homes, Appledore Island also is owned Star Island Corporation, which leases the property to the Shoals Marine Lab. While marine biology students research the movement of invasive seaweed, changing bird populations and other topics, others students participate in archaeological digs on Appledore and nearby Smuttynose Island, the scene of a grisly 1873 murder that spawned what newspapers at the time called the "trial of the century."

University of Southern Maine professor Nathan Hamilton, who directs the island archaeology programs, also gives tours of Appledore for guests visiting from Star Island. His next project includes excavating the site of an art studio used by Childe Hassam, one of the foremost American impressionists.



**In this photo taken June 25, 2013 the hotel is seen on the Isles of Shoals Star Island off the New Hampshire coast in Rye, N.H.**

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Hassam was a close friend of Thaxter, whose father was the lighthouse keeper on White Island when she was a child and who later attracted members of Boston's literary and artistic societies to her family's hotel on Appledore Island each summer. □



**In this photo taken June 25, 2013 the sun rises over the Isles of Shoals taken from Star Island in Rye, N.H.**

**Associated Press**

ways late into the night — further contributed to what my husband called the "bad dorm" atmosphere. But others take a kinder view.

"I sort of look at it as faded glory, because you go up

before making her first trip to Star about 20 years ago and was so enchanted, she's returned as often as possible ever since.

"It was almost like this magic went up through the ground through my